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Boston City Hall Hosts Gay 'Town Meeting'

By Neil Miller

BOSTON — The historic tradition of New England town meetings was revived in Boston last Monday evening as 50 lesbians and gay men gathered for a community forum at Boston City Hall. The meeting was a partial victory for the Boston Gay Pride Planning Committee in their fight to gain access to the City Council Chambers at City Hall. When no city council member would agree to sponsor the use of the chambers by the gay community, Mayor Kevin White's office agreed to let the gays use the Gallery room, just across the hall from the Council chambers. Although the meeting had been called to discuss community issues, for many on the planning committee, the appearance of gay people at City Hall was the crucial aspect of the evening.

The relatively sympathetic attitude of the Mayor's office towards Boston's gay community (Mayor Kevin H. White recently promulgated an executive order barring discrimination against gay people employed by the city) was under-



Ken Dudley of the Third World caucus speaks at the Gay forum.

lined by the presence of Deputy Mayor Kathy Kane at the meeting. Kane, a personal friend of Rep. Elaine Noble, was instrumental in gaining community access to City Hall. In a short speech, Kane welcomed the gay community to City Hall and brought the Mayor's greetings for Gay Pride Week.

In addition to the Deputy Mayor, short addresses were made by Rep. Elaine Noble, Joan Tuttle of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (CLUM), Rev. Edward Hougen of Metropolitan Community Church, Maceo Dixon of the National Student Coalition Against Racism (NSCAR), Joe Abreu of Gay Media Action, Ken Dudley of the Third World Caucus of the Gay Pride Planning Committee, and Carol Henderson Evans, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the US Senate in Massachusetts.

In her speech, Rep. Noble saw the struggle to gain access to the council chambers as a "political wedge." "It's a long process of education. We must

put together a viable political force," she emphasized. Joan Tuttle of the Civil Liberties Union addressed the importance of legislative reform. "There has been a remarkable change in attitudes on Beacon Hill," she said. She praised "the courage" of gay people and urged "not to despair."

SWP candidate for Senate Carol Henderson Evans, had a different approach. Evans, who marched in the Gay Pride Parade on Saturday and who was the only invited candidate for the Senate who showed up at the meeting, told the group, "Don't rely on politicians. You must form a movement that takes to the streets, that looks to other oppressed groups, that is powerful."

The issue of racism, for which the council chambers has been a focal point because of use of the room by the anti-busing organization ROAR, was much on the minds of many people at the meeting. Maceo Dixon of the National Student Coalition Against Racism

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Fund Cutoff Threatens Gay Health Night

BOSTON — The Fenway Community Health Center, which provides community medical services for the Fenway neighborhood as well as gay and women's health nights, is in danger of closing, reports Tom Nylund, program director-administrator of the Center. The Health Center stands to lose half of its budget — about \$50,000 — as of July 31 of this year, if the New England Deaconess Hospital goes ahead with plans to terminate funding of the Center. The Deaconess' \$25,000 subsidy is matched by an equal \$25,000 from the city of Boston. Thus if the Deaconess goes through with its plan to cut off funding, the Health Center will lose its municipal funding as well.

If the cuts become a reality, "we will lose most of our staff and have to drop gay and women's health nights," Nylund told GCN. "We might be able to limp along for a bit with volunteers but, in fact, the Center would eventually have to close," he adds.

Roger Perry, assistant to Deaconess Hospital President Roger MacLure, told GCN that "We'll be meeting with Mr. Nylund and the executive board of the Health Center on Monday [June 28]. We've got to discuss the entire matter in detail. It would be premature to talk about it at this point." Perry did state that the withdrawal of the Deaconess financial assistance was not a foregone conclusion at this point.

Tom Nylund told GCN that "It is clear that the city of Boston and the Deaconess made a decision on this long ago. They even called up their affiliates

who deal with us to inform them of what was going on before they told us. Mayor White may say that he wants to save the Health Center and keep gay health night going, but unless he can show me his interest on the bottom of a check, that kind of support is meaningless."

Nylund indicated that if the Center closes the only "alternative left will be the city hospitals." He also noted that the only four public venereal disease clinics still functioning without charge in the city of Boston will, as of July 1, be imposing a mandatory fee.

Nylund strongly urges people who

support the continued existence of the Center and of the gay and women's health nights to write Lawrence MacLure, President, New England Deaconess Hospital, 185 Pilgrim Road, Boston 02115 and/or Mr. David Rosenbloom, Acting Executive Director, Department of Health and Hospitals, City of Boston, 818 Harrison Avenue, Boston 02118.

"Community health services provide vital services to the poor, the elderly, and in this case, to gay people," said Nylund. "We've got to fight to keep the Fenway Center open."

Bicentennial Suit Back in Court

Providence Fights for Parade Permit

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Providence gays returned to Federal Court last Thursday in their attempt to persuade Judge Raymond Pettine to issue a

restraining order preventing the Providence police from refusing to grant a permit for a Gay Pride March in downtown Providence. The march was scheduled to take place last Saturday. In addition, the Towards A Gayer Bicentennial Commission also asked Judge Pettine to issue an order that the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission include gays as part of the Bicentennial and to let them use the Old State House for a Saturday morning rally. As GCN went to press, Judge Pettine had yet to announce his decision in either of the two areas.

Providence Police Chief Col. Walter McQueeney told the court that the reason he had refused to give a permit for the march was due to the fact that the gay people advocated "illegal activity." He also claimed that the Saturday march would require the closing of downtown streets and this would be "detrimental to business." When asked by the judge if he would allow the parade to take place on Sunday, the police chief answered "no."

McQueeney also claimed that he would need 40 police to provide for the safety of the marchers and that this protection would require an expenditure of about \$2,000. He stated that he didn't know the identity of the organizers of the Gay Pride March

because they were not incorporated with the state. "They are not a viable group," McQueeney, well-known for his homophobic attitudes, told the court.

However, the police chief did state that he was willing to provide police protection for a gay gathering at Roger Williams Spring in Providence because the Federal Parks Commission had given permission for the gathering. He also would permit gays to gather at the Federal Building downtown for a prayer vigil on Saturday nights for similar reasons.

On the subject of the endorsement of gay events by the Bicentennial Commission, lawyers for the Commission told the court that by endorsing the gays it appeared that the commission "approved of them." However, Judge Pettine, who had earlier asked RI '76 to either endorse the gay group or promulgate new guidelines, called the RI '76 argument an "aberrated notion of the First Amendment."

The suit by gays to be part of the Bicentennial Commission found its way back to court after RI '76 had rejected the gay re-application under the new guidelines which they had set up in response to Judge Pettine's earlier decision.



Jill Raymond, grand jury resister who recently spent a year in Kentucky jails, speaks at the rally following the Gay Pride March held on June 18 in Boston. Holding the "Free Susan Saxe" banner are two women who served time in Connecticut jails for non-cooperation with grand juries, Terri Turgeon (left) and Ellen Grusse (right).

Photo by Ken Rabb



news notes

ZAPPING BOSTON

BOSTON — In the wake of the virtual news blackout of information about the Gay Pride March in the establishment Boston media, Gay Media Action is planning a series of zaps against television stations and possibly newspapers and radio stations. Anyone interested in participating in these zaps should contact Joe Abreu at 354-2079.

TEACHING HEALTH

WASHINGTON — The 85-member staff of the American Public Health Association participated in an hour and a half in-service training session on homosexuality and the health concerns of the gay community as part of the Association's May staff meeting. The session, held in the Association's headquarters in Washington, D.C., was presented at the request of the Association's Executive Director, William H. McBeath, by two members of the Coordinating Committee of the Association's Gay Caucus, Sarajane Garten of Long Branch, NJ and William M. Somers of Arlington, VA.

Garten and Somers provided the Association's staff with background information sufficient for understanding the purposes and activities of the Gay Caucus. They also hoped to eliminate or minimize the causes for some reported incidents of harassment of and negative attitudes towards gay staff members.

Like most such orientation programs, a variety of topics were covered, including coming out, parental attitudes and, of course, the need of gay persons for truly available health services. Somers, an alcoholism counselor, stressed the abuse of alcohol in the gay community and the special difficulties of rehabilitation of chemically dependent gay persons. The staff asked many questions and the prevailing attitude was a receptive one.

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HAYES SAVED

BOSTON — Governor Michael Dukakis signed into law last week a bill enabling Boston Police Commissioner Robert J. diGrazia to bypass state civil service regulations and retain in his employ the services of three civilian aides, one of them being Gary Hayes, whom the commissioner has designated as his liaison officer with Boston's gay community.

Hayes, a 31-year-old lawyer who resides in the Back Bay, is paid \$25,000 in his present position. He also serves as diGrazia's liaison man between the police department and the office of Mayor Kevin White, who lobbied extensively for the bypass legislation.

The bill signed by Dukakis was necessary because the Boston City Council, led by Councillor Albert L. O'Neil, had cut off funding for the positions last year. City Councillor Lawrence DiCara was the only councillor to oppose the move at the time. O'Neil contended that the three diGrazia aides were "out-of-town whiz kids" who had no business running the department. Mayor White intervened and arranged for the aides to be paid from federal funds, but the need for the special legislative measure arose when the federal "CETA" funds being used became depleted.

LESBIAN CONF. OFF

BLOOMINGTON, IN — The National Lesbian Feminist Conference planned for July 2-5 at the University of Indiana in Bloomington has been postponed indefinitely. According to the Cincinnati, Ohio, lesbian newspaper, *Dinah*, the women organizing the conference were told by the University Conference Bureau that they had to have a university sponsoring group. To this end, the lesbians were working with the Women's Studies department as well as the Bureau. But before the sponsoring letter reached the Bureau, a university vice-chancellor conveniently sponsored a boy's bicentennial for the same weekend.

The Conference Bureau told the women that no more space was available for that weekend. However, a sympathetic friend who is involved in the university ROTC program reportedly asked the university for the right to hold a ROTC conference for 500 people on the same weekend. The university told her that there was space for the ROTC conference.

A lesbian feminist lawyer, Stormcloud, from Louisville, Kentucky, is exploring legal action. The Planning Committee, in the meantime, is hoping to hold a conference sometime in the fall at another site. Anyone wishing to contact conference organizers should write: National Lesbian Feminist Organizing Conference, C/O Lesbian Feminist Union, 1259 South Brook Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40203.

BRITISH HOSPITALITY

SOUTHAMPTON, England — Former Air Force T. Sergeant Leonard Matlovich got a largely negative reaction as guest speaker at CHE's conference in Southampton. CHE is the largest British gay organization. First pacifist gays tried to put through a resolution dis-inviting the US serviceperson just a day before he was to speak. After the defeat of the resolution, Matlovich did speak but, according to the *Gay News*, was received in "stony silence."



Squirting Cucumber.

CUSTODY RIGHT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Washington (D.C.) City Council Judiciary Committee, composed of two councilpeople, has successfully voted out a provision protecting lesbian mothers and gay fathers. "With respect to matters of custody and visitation, the race, color, national origin, religion, political activity, sex, or sexual orientation of a part shall not be a consideration," the provision reads. According to *The Blade*, the full City Council should vote on the matter within the next two weeks. However, even if approved by the Mayor, the bill should still require approval by Congress and the White House.

MAKING MUSIC

MT. PLEASANT, MI — A women's Music Festival, open to women and children, will take place Aug. 20-22 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Performers so far include Meg Christian, Ginni Clemens, Casse Culver, Kay Gardner, Wille Tyson, the New Harmony Sisterhood Band and others. Advance tickets will be available until Aug. 1 and the entire weekend will cost \$15 in advance with smaller fees for individual days. For tickets, a map, and a schedule of performances, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and/or money order to We Want the Music Collective, 1501 Lyons Street, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858, telephone (517) 772-0582.

AGE OF CONSENT

LONDON — Breaking its long silence on gay rights, the ruling British Labor Party has called for a government review of the age of consent for male homosexuals. The recommendation, made in a draft election manifesto published on May 28, does not suggest a specific age at which consent should be fixed. The age of consent in Britain is presently eighteen, and homosexual acts are legal between consenting adults over that age.

The London *Gay News* notes that the draft will be presented to the Labor Party Conference in September for approval. The *News* adds that that conference, for the first time, will have a number of gay resolutions before it.

LOVE OF CHRIST

BALTIMORE, MD — The Syro-Chaldean Evangelical Catholic Communion has voted unanimously to accept The Community of the Love of Christ as an order and province of the Communion. The Community's Bishop-Abbot is gay activist and former editor of *Maverick* the Most Reverend Mikhail Francis Itkin. Support for the Community's specialized ministry in and to the gay community, "not as missionaries but as radical gay Christians" was adopted at the convocation. The Convocation also adopted support for the Order's specialized projects — such as the establishment of Christian gay social services outreach, work with gay street-people and work with the gay liberation movement.

The Community of the Love of Christ is the continuing outgrowth of what was established in 1955 as the New York and Philadelphia mission of the Eucharistic Catholic Church, the first gay Christian body in America.



MCC FLEAS

BOSTON — MCC/Boston is holding a flea market at 103 Charles Street in Boston. The flea market, the proceeds of which will go to support programs for the gay community, will take place on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday afternoons from 1-6, and weekdays from 2-7:30. On sale will be plants, original art, clothing, and other gift items at reasonable prices.

L.A. MAYOR'S PRIDE

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Tom Bradley has proclaimed Gay Pride Week in Los Angeles June 28 through July 4.

The mayor signed the document June 10, along with City Council members Joel Wachs, John Ferraro, Zev Yaroslavsky, Pat Russell and Peggy Stevenson.

It is a first. Previous years' requests from the Christopher Street West Association that the mayor's office issue such a proclamation went unheeded. Success this year was attributed in part to the efforts of Bill Carey, a gay member of Bradley's Criminal Justice Planning Unit whom the mayor named June 10 as his official liaison to the Los Angeles gay community.

The proclamation notes that "Gay persons have played significant roles in the history of our country, from the days of the revolutionary founding to the present time, and continue today the human struggle for civil liberties and individual freedoms on which America is founded."

The statement also urges "all citizens to observe the seven-day period as a concrete demonstration of friendship and appreciation for the contributions made to our city by the gay people living in our community."

GRNL VOTE DELAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The interim board of directors of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) has postponed the election of the permanent board of directors of the organization from July 1 to Sept. 1. GRNL, which was established at the Advocate Invitational Conference held in Chicago at the end of March, plans to lobby for the national gay rights bill. The reason for the delay was, in the organization's words, to "enable the board to be as representative of the gay community as possible, and in order to allow for the maximum possible amount of input from, and participation by the gay community."

"A meaningful election cannot be held without an electorate of meaningful size," the GRNL statement began. "Information for procedures for joining GRNL are only now getting out into the gay community through the gay press. The size of the electorate, while rising very rapidly, is still disconcertingly small." GRNL's interim board also "particularly urge and invite participation by women at all stages of the process."

Despite the delay in the election of the board of directors, nominations for the fifteen men and fifteen women board will be closed on July 1. Nominations can be made up till that date and must be sent to the National Gay Task Force, Room 506, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. The GRNL board of directors will be charged with running the organization and fund-raising.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of GRNL should send in their \$15 membership to Suite 210, 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Members joining before Aug. 15 will receive a ballot by mail. Members joining between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1 may receive a ballot but this is not guaranteed.

Jean O'Leary Named NGTF Co-Director

NEW YORK — Jean O'Leary, who has served as Legislative Director and National Coordinator of the National Gay Task Force for the past seven months, has been named to the post of Task Force Co-Executive Director. She now shares the gay-rights organization's top spot with Dr. Bruce Voeller, who has been Executive Director since NGTF was organized in October, 1973. O'Leary, the first openly gay delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention, is a former nun who has served as spokeswoman for Lesbian Feminist Alliance, both local gay-rights groups in New York City. She continues to work in the areas of legislation and national coordination.

O'Leary's appointment was made by the newly-appointed NGTF Board of Directors at its first meeting, held in New York City June 12-13. For the first time, the NGTF Board contains representatives from all parts of the United States. And for the first time, some non-gay individuals were elected.

Named Co-chairpeople of the NGTF



Jean O'Leary

Board were Betty Powell, an instructor at the Brooklyn College School of Education and an officer of the Gay

Academic Union, and Gary van Ooteghem, a new board member from Houston, Texas. Mr. van Ooteghem, former Controller of the Treasury for Harris County, Texas, is president of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. Powell and van Ooteghem replace Frances Doughty, an educator from New York, and David Rothenberg, Director of The Fortune Society, as co-chairpeople.

In addition to Powell and van Ooteghem, newly elected members of the NGTF Board's Executive Committee are Charlotte Bunch, Rev. Carter, Prof. Duberman, Ms. Friedman, Dr. Norton, and Ms. Riddle. Dr. Norton will serve as Secretary and Ms. Friedman as Treasurer.

Also among the NGTF Board members newly elected by the membership are Ruth Abram, Executive Director, Women's Action Alliance, New York; Pokey Anderson, Gay Political Caucus, Houston; Charles F. Brydon, The Dorian Group, Seattle; Dr. Louie Crew, Associate Professor at Fort Valley State College, Georgia; Jean Crosby, Women's Center, San Francisco; Steven Endean, Human Rights Commission, Minneapolis;

David Goodenough, formerly of Kent State (Ohio) Gay Liberation Front, Kirksville, Missouri; Gerald A. Gerash, Esq., Gay Coalition of Denver; Marilyn Haft, Esq., former Director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Sexual Privacy Project, New York; Rev. Troy Perry, Moderator, Metropolitan Community Churches, Los Angeles; Dorothy Riddle, American Psychological Association Gay Task Force, Tucson; Martha Smith, Lesbian Feminist Alliance, Atlanta; W. E. Smith, Jr., Editor, The Barb, Atlanta; and Kay Whitlock, Co-Coordinator, Task Force on Sexuality and Lesbianism, National Organization for Women, Philadelphia.

Re-elected as members of the NGTF Board were incumbents Sidney Abbott, former Coordinator of the N.O.W. Task Force, New York; Charlotte Bunch, Editor, Quest, Washington, D.C.; Rev. Robert Carter, a Jesuit priest and instructor at Union Theological Seminary, New York; Frances Doughty, New York; Martin Duberman, Distinguished Professor of History, Lehman College, New York; Meryl C. Friedman, Gay Teachers Association, New York; Barbara Gittings, American Library Association Task Force on Gay Liberation, Philadelphia; Dr. Bert Hansen, Associate Professor of History, State University, Binghamton, New York; Dr. Franklin Kameny, Human Rights Commission, Washington, D.C.; Barbara Love, author, New York; and Dr. Joseph Norton, educator and psychologist, Albany, New York.

Frank Assails MDC Bush Busts

By David Brill

BOSTON — State Rep. Barney Frank announced last week that he has asked Metropolitan District Commissioner John Snedeker to set up a meeting to discuss the heavy MDC police presence at the so-called "Bird Sanctuary" off Memorial Drive in Cambridge. Frank contacted Snedeker after learning that MDC police were deliberately obstructive while GCN was attempting to gather information concerning two men arrested for "unnatural acts" in the bushes on June 9.

When GCN was advised that the Cambridge cruising area was being heavily patrolled by police, this reporter attempted to confirm some of the information with the commanding officer of MDC Upper Basin police. One caller reported to GCN that police in the area had their guns drawn, called the men "faggots" and argued with each other as to whether an arrest should be made. Over a half-dozen persons telephoned the GCN office within a day after the arrests.

MDC press relations officer William

Delaney told GCN that information concerning the arrests could be obtained directly from Sgt. Burbank, night commander of the MDC Upper Basin police. However, Burbank refused to discuss the arrests or provide any information at all. When told by this reporter that Mr. Delaney of MDC headquarters had insisted the newspaper obtain the information from him, Burbank replied, "I don't care if you bring the fuckin' governor with you, nobody's finding anything about those arrests."

GCN later contacted Delaney, who apologized for Burbank's uncooperativeness. "There is no way I can possibly justify his remarks," said Delaney. "There is no reason for him to have treated you that way." Delaney called GCN back in less than fifteen minutes, and provided the names and addresses of the defendants, the specific charges, and stated that their cases had been continued in East Cambridge District Court until July 9.

MDC police press regulations are nearly identical to those followed by the Boston police, which routinely



Rep. Barney Frank

cooperates with GCN regularly on police matters. Newspapers are entitled to information concerning arrests and

defendants, if they are over 17, the charges, and arresting officers. The information is a matter of public record.

Rep. Frank is asking Snedeker to arrange a meeting with representatives of GCN, the MDC police, and possibly with attorneys for the two men arrested on June 9 to discuss the "Bird Sanctuary" situation. Frank said he was outraged by the reported police conduct as well as the arrests, and complained that if the situation is allowed to continue, male cruising will relocate to "The Block," a residential area within Frank's district that the representative has been trying to discourage.

Snedeker told Frank that at one time officials of the Browne and Nichols School, which is opposite the Bird Sanctuary, registered complaints with the MDC about the area because they feared that their students would be "harmed." Frank responded by stating that the school is closed during the summer and at night.

As of press time, no date had been set for the requested meeting with MDC officials. Snedeker's office indicated that the meeting would take place as soon as the current state employees' labor dispute is settled.

Fires Damage Herbie's and Twelve Carver

BOSTON — Local and state fire officials are continuing their investigations into the causes of three fires at the same location that have forced the temporary closing of two popular gay men's bars, Twelve Carver and Herbie's Ramrod Room. A first alarm was sounded on Friday, June 18, at 4:29 a.m. at 12 Carver Street, and Boston Fire Department officials were able to extinguish the blaze, but not before the back of the first-floor bar suffered extensive fire and water damage.

Just over four hours later, firefighters were again called to the scene to put out another fire in the rear of the same building. This second incident, however, caused only minor damage to the building.

Shortly before midnight the next day, a vacant building on Townsend Place (directly behind the Carver Street establishment) was the site of another blaze, causing extensive damage and tying up Park Square traffic for several hours.

The alley between the Townsend Place and Carver Street buildings was the location of another serious fire in April, 1975, that closed the bars for nearly one month. Last Saturday's fire was the fourteenth one of its kind at the same spot, and is believed to have been caused by careless disposal of smoking materials.

Bar-owner Roland LaChance told GCN that he expects the downstairs bar to re-open on a limited basis in approximately three weeks. LaChance estimated the cost of repairing the building at \$30,000, and fingered blame for the incidents at "winos in the back alley." LaChance added, however, that Herbie's Ramrod Room, the upstairs bar, was virtually unharmed by either blaze.

Chief Robert Shaugnessy of Boston Fire Department District Four said that the official cause of each fire is still officially "undetermined" and under investigation.



Snapping-turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*).

Sporters Gets Go-Ahead

BOSTON — The Boston Licensing Board has approved the application of Sporters Cafe to expand their premises at 228 Cambridge Street, Beacon Hill. The unanimous decision followed a brief hearing at which support for the popular gay men's bar was voiced by various community leaders. According to Licensing Board sources, the non-opposition of the Beacon Hill Civic Association was the most important factor the Board weighed in making its decision.

The approved application now goes before the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for their final approval. A spokesperson for the ABCC told GCN that it is the state agency's policy to dispatch an investigator to the site of the proposed expansion to

review the premises, a procedure that could take from one to three weeks.

Sporters manager Jack Rubin, however, believes that his bar will have no trouble in gaining final approval, and is currently making plans for the new construction. "It's in the bag," he said.

warning

GCN has received several reports of gay men being beaten while cruising the L Street Baths in South Boston. Gay men frequenting the baths are urged to be careful or to go elsewhere.



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EDITORIAL

Estimates of the crowd at this year's Boston Gay Pride March, held on Saturday, June 19, range anywhere from 1,200 to 2,000. Observers of past marches felt that this year's march was the largest ever held in Boston. However, this information would certainly come as news to the audiences of Boston's two major newspapers and three major television stations. Both the "liberal" *Globe* and the "conservative" *Herald* totally ignored the march; not one inch of space on the subject filled either one of these estimable journals. However, the *Globe* apparently had plenty of room to cover the art show held on the Boston Common the same day.

Television channels 4 (WBZ-TV) and 5 (WNAC-TV) blacked out any mention of gay people asserting their rights; channel 7 (WNAC) proved the television pioneer by devoting a grand total of ten seconds to the march. Channel 4 did, however, give the television viewers an attempt to witness the sword-swallower performing his tricks at the Common; that was the closest that that station got to the march. When GCN's distribution company manager, Marion Tholander, called up Channel 5 to protest, she reports that she was told, "Channel 5 does too much gay coverage anyway." When she asked what this coverage was, the WCVB staffer replied, "The wedding at City Hall." "You have a strange idea of gay coverage," said Tholander. "Well I think the gay community is very strange," said the newsperson. He refused to give his name and then hung up.

It is true that WBZ-TV did offer some gay programming to coincide with Gay Pride Week. Gay people appeared both on "Eyewitness News Report" and on "Woman '76." Channel 56 gave time to two gay spokespeople on Neila Smith's half hour television show called "Point of View." Both of these stations deserve credit for enabling some gay people to state their point of view. However, it's clear that the attitudes of the programming departments were far more responsive to minority concerns than were the newsrooms.

Some people may say that marches, especially Gay Pride Marches, are old hat, that they are just not newsworthy. A case might be made for that argument if the many legislative votes, custody cases, military battles and the like which fill up the pages of GCN week after week had been given any substantial coverage in the local and national media. Unfortunately, these crucial struggles for gay civil rights have passed virtually unnoticed.

Real pressure needs to be put on the media to get them to change their policy of "no coverage" towards gay people. The recent Gay Media Action letter-writing campaign to WBZ-TV bore result in the appearance of gay people on "Eyewitness News." Perhaps the demonstrations which GMA is now planning against Boston television stations will have equal effect. In the meantime, GCN unhappily reprints an editorial on the subject which we wrote one year ago. It's still true today.

If your city or hometown is anything like Boston you probably have not been able to find out anything about the Gay Pride Parade in New York City. Do you even know there was a national Gay Pride Parade in New York, Sunday, June 29? Do you know that estimates of between 35,000 to 70,000 people marched in that parade? If you don't know these things the fault is not yours, it is the media's. In Greater Boston, which has a gay population of approximately 200,000, there was no news coverage of this event. Not one of the major newspapers carried the story and none of the television stations mentioned a word about it. When such a large number of any minority group get together to demonstrate for their civil rights it is newsworthy and the general public should be allowed to know about it. Somehow the media believes otherwise. If there had been one act of violence associated with the parade it would have been extensively covered by all the major news outlets; because the parade was peaceful the media chose to ignore it. This is irresponsible and only encourages the use of violence in order to be heard. Minority coverage is poor at best but when 35,000 to 70,000 people and their fight for equal rights are completely ignored the resulting frustration can very well lead to physical confrontation. The media must assume the responsibility for this confrontation. GCN insists that all media give a voice to "gay news," that they stop isolating us, that they allow our grievances to be heard. It is only through this type of fairness that effective social changes can be made without the use of violence. (GCN, July 12, 1975)

TELL ME, JOEY



GCN will use this space to answer questions for our readers. Mail should be addressed to Tell Me, Joey, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

Joey:

What is this 1974 Balthazar decision that is claimed to protect private consensual sexual acts and what does it really protect insofar as gay sexual relationships are concerned and if it does, in fact, guarantee privacy, what is the minimum age of consent covered, for males, under this decision?

Pete

Pete:

On November 1, 1974, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court upheld the conviction of Richard L. Balthazar of Boston (*Commonwealth vs. Balthazar*, 318 N.E.2d 478, MA), who was charged with violating Section 35 of Chapter 272, "unnatural and lascivious acts." Balthazar had forced a woman into committing fellatio upon him, and then submit to an act of cunnilingus. However, in upholding his conviction, the court responded to one of Balthazar's defense arguments, i.e., that the sexual acts were private and consensual. The court found that the acts in his case were *not* private or consensual, but had they been both private and consensual, then the statute in question would have been "inapplicable." Thus, the court did not really call the law unconstitutional. However, it was the first time the SJC had discussed the sex laws since 1954, and said of the issue in question, "This is, of course, a standard which may change." Lawyers have interpreted the *Balthazar* case as establishing two major criteria for sex-related charges: Consent and privacy. The age of consent is officially 18, which is also the age under which the charge of "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" can be brought. "Privacy" is a grey area which might have to be determined in court. However, after the *Balthazar* case, the Massachusetts legislature enacted a new rape law reform bill using 16 as the age of consent for certain offenses, as well as striking all references to gender. For further advice, I suggest you contact your lawyer, possibly Richard Rubino who specializes in gay-related issues.

Joey

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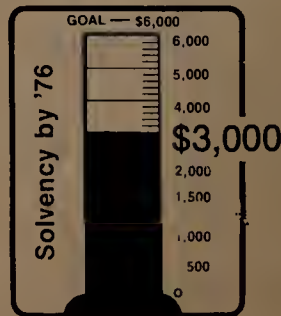


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a minority

Dear GCN:

I left my house for the Gay Pride March last Saturday in cut-off jeans and high spirits, and a few hours later returned with a soggy seat and pretty damp spirits. The more I thought about the parade, the more bummed I got. The rain caused part of my disappointment, and another part was the result of witnessing a couple of crazy old men disrupting the rally at the Common (a sight which always arouses my ire, irrationally, I suppose).

But more importantly I was depressed because I went to a *Gay Pride* march that was supposed to emphasize *Gay Unity*, and I saw very little of either. I found myself walking alongside groups of people carrying banners for YAWF (Youths Against War and Fascism) chanting, "Gay Straight Black White, Same Struggle, Same Fight!" and "Stop the War! Smash Gay Oppression!" At the rally I heard negative, negative speeches; I heard one angry speaker end her speech with an assault on the audience: "I'm black, I'm a woman, and I'm a lesbian — what are you going to do for me?" I heard another speaker continually and fervently cry, "Kill the straight man!" And I heard the guest of honor proclaim that the best political alternative open to the gay community was one of politics of alienation.

Now I don't want to get real morbid here and start condemning the parade as a defeat, nor do I want in any way to advocate depriving any individual of her or his freedom of speech. However, I do feel that the annual Gay Pride March has tremendous potential as a morale booster, as a unifying celebration, as a forum of visibility, and as good p.r., and I am very disappointed at the system of priorities exercised by many of the groups and speakers who participated in the program. In short, too much abrasive politics, not enough gay pride.

The night before the parade I sat down and read Arthur Bells book *Dancing the Gay Lib Blues*, a personal account of the first year of the gay activist movement. One of the first things that impressed me was the that the first organization formed, the Gay Liberation Front, quickly became an esoteric and intimidating group. "One of the basic problems with the Gay Liberation Front," Bell wrote, "was that GLF aligned itself with all minority groups — Panthers, Cubans, Chicanos, etc. Homosexual needs often were sluffed over for the big picture . . . Why not organize a group based solely on homosexual liberation?"

Anything outside of gay liberation would be periphery. We could get involved in the war movement, yes, if we wished to, but on our own. As a group, let's put together a one-issue gay liberation outfit." (The group formed was Gay Activists Alliance.)

These words really hit home the next day. Obviously, the problems of racism, sexism, and the American political system are as everpresent in the gay community as they are elsewhere, and they must be confronted, worked out. But I, for one, strongly feel that an affair as symbolic and as public as the Gay Pride March must focus on gay concerns and leave sexism, racism, and governmental politics to another time and place more appropriate for consciousness raising. To mix the two is to alienate and to divide.

I think it's important to march and tell the world about gay pride — it's good for me to realize how far I've come; it's good for isolated, closeted gays who look for models to demonstrate that openness can make you happy; and it's good for non-gay spectators who cannot help but see a few myths exploded before their eyes. But it must be recognized that marching in the parade is a decision that comes with difficulty and fear to many individuals, and it seems to me that this courage and this growing communal feeling should be reflected in the speeches at the rally. For many gay people the parade is their only public display of gay pride and their only political activity all year. Last Saturday only the Rev. Frieda Smith and the M.C. Elaine Noble (whose sense of humor is perhaps her best asset) spoke about gay pride. It's not that the rally should be limited to back-patting and "Isn't the world great?", but courage and visibility are admirable qualities, and I would like to celebrate more, celebrate less.

In Gay Pride,
Don Shewey

SPEAKING OUT!

Readers may use this column to express their points of view. Typewritten material should be submitted to **SPEAKING OUT, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.**



By Tony Caporaletti

The annual gay pride march in June is always a welcome holiday for many of us. It's the only gay holiday we have. We created it for ourselves.

Unfortunately, this year the gay pride planning committee overstepped its bounds by setting itself up as a "Supreme Gay Court" with self-generated power to dictate values and conscience to the rest of the gay community. The committee, an unelected body, chose to exclude bars from the parade.

Gay bars and the newer gay alternative groups have been at odds since 1969 when the present gay liberation movement began. The bars are accused of being breeding grounds for alcoholism, self-oppressive stereotypes and of being owned by the Mafia. Whatever the reason for the exclusion of bars from the parade (there was never a public statement), the action by the committee was in direct opposition to the original spirit of the parade.

The first gay pride march was in New York as the result of a riot — in a gay bar — Stonewall — against a raid by the New York police (lest we forget). Most of the new gay liberationists met each other in these "dens of iniquity." All gay bars are not owned by the Mafia. No one is forced to go to these bars, but millions of gays do, and they enjoy it. There is bad in bars, and I personally don't go to bars very often. Ironically, the bars were the breeding grounds for the present gay movement. They fostered gay people in much more oppressive times; and they are still the main gathering place for most gay women and men.

The committee has set a dangerous precedent. If the various segments of the very diversified gay community in New England are going to start sitting in judgment of each other, then the parade will become a source of a political war among us rather than a source of unity.

No one should be excluded from the parade. Our politics should be left to the other 364 days of the year. The parade should be a day celebration — for everybody — not a day to sit in judgment.

If IBM, Bell Telephone, the U.S. government, Louise Day Hicks, Gov. Michael Dukakis, or anyone of dozens of heterosexuals were to pass an order limiting who could march in our parade, then everyone would be outraged!! But when we fight among ourselves and allow our self-righteousness, egotism and bullheaded opinions and values to separate us, then this is condoned. Are we fools?

The whole committee even voted to ban the GCN birthday cake from the parade until the whole staff of the paper attended a meeting to protest. What this smacks of is just plain pettiness and stupidity.

What will be next . . . since the precedent has been set . . . next year that means that "I" can go into the planning meetings with a group of people . . . outnumber the others . . . then set my own standards and values for next year's parade.

Let's see now, I'll start with banning banners that say "Cocksucking" or other words that "I" find offensive. (I was sitting in an ice cream parlor on Cambridge St. this year with my mother during the parade. She had never seen the parade before and everything was fine until she saw that banner — so next year away with it! Just

loudly

Dear GCN:

Last year I wrote about our "Gay Pride" parade and I found fault. This year I must state that the situation is worse. God love the "few" that did march. We were no more than half the people last year.

Last year all the local television stations carried our cause on the news. This year not one news presentation was made. Why? The bells did no ring "out" at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. The reason being that the minister was out on the street to greet us. God love you Randy! And beyond the rain shower came, and beyond we marched!

We did miss you Sherry. But your letter to the GCN of late May has told us why you did not march. Sherry, don't get up-tight. Sherry, we need you! On Tremont Street I screamed "2-4-6-8: boys are really great!!"

Beyond I saw overhead the military man looking down at us from the recruiting center and I went to the people in the street and yelled: "Yes, I got an Undesirable Discharge just for being gay!" In the Boston Common I was taken from a crowd of people by a wonderful gay worker. Yes, I was drunk. After taking a long leak against a large tree I went to the bandshell and asked Elaine Noble if I could speak. But I was not on the program list. Those who did speak were very good. The sun came out now and we felt its warmth. I did not crash! But I was very sad. I went to my friends house after the Charles Street Meetinghouse. Now I was happy! Now I was home! The battle was over! Thank you gay people for a great day. But next year "let's all come out!!!" I don't want to be alone on the street when I march. I too want to hug you and dance with you. I want to scream "Say it loud — Gay and Proud!!"

Stuart Kingsley

injustice

Dear Editor:

I am a federal boarder here in the Women's Correctional Facility in Yankton, South Dakota.

I feel it is a privilege to have been placed in this new and modern facility. It is an injustice to me, my fellow inmates and to you, the taxpayer, that a more qualified correctional administrator is not in charge here.

I have written and will continue to write to judicial systems, governors, businesspeople, you the laborer, farmer, housewife — anyone within reading distance.

I need a state and federal grand jury to look into the affairs of the present correctional administrator.

Our facility is beautiful on the surface, but inside, we are being denied our rights as concerned human beings, concerned about not being allowed the proper programs and examples to return to society, rehabilitated. We are forced to remain silent.

I can no longer be intimidated. My moral dignity has been violated long enough. Federal money is here. Use it. I need all of your help.

To save you money, we need a workable program of projects for our rehabilitation. Federal money is here, use it. I ask not to be removed.

I seek a qualified correctional administrator. Check her credentials. She has no true qualifications. She is dictatorial in her authority. Her staff are fair and are qualified, but she makes all and every decision.

As a person of moral awareness and strong sense of human dignity, I seek her removal, now.

I would appreciate your printing the above letter in your publication. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Loretta Lindsey

P.S. I always receive your paper (Randy Lindsey).

scum

To the GCN staff:

I am glad to have seen the interview with Susan Saxe (May 22). As a major disseminator of truth in the gay community, you (we) must be aware when our lack of clear reporting or a lack of sufficient facts is causing confusion among readers. Now after a fine article by Nancy Wechsler, I am sure that a lot more people will feel supportive of Susan's struggle.

Love,
satya littlebear

because I don't like it.) Also, I don't like things like "Gay Rage," that sounds like South Bostonian Machoism to me (the rationale being that we can scare them with violence or the threat of violence). And everybody looked like hobos this year — so next year we'll require dresses and ties. ABSURD!!!

By Joseph Leo

I didn't march in the gay pride parade this year and it hurt. It hurt because I truly love the rest of the staff members at GCN and wanted to be with them last Saturday but I couldn't. I couldn't do it since I felt the parade did not symbolize what I stand for. The women at GCN kid me about raising my consciousness; I think they've succeeded because now I won't become affiliated with something merely because it has the word "Gay" in its name.

I was confused at the "three parades" planned for New York City but now I see how it all came about. How can a group of people simply say they're going to exclude bars from a parade when bars and clubs are an integral part of the gay community? (This is a question that was posed to me by a young friend who is only "sexually gay" yet was incensed when I related to him the decision of the gay pride planning committee.) One might point out that unlike their counterparts in New York, the Boston "bar community" was either too disorganized or too apathetic to launch a counterattack.

Look, I have nothing against the so-called "movement" gays, until they start condemning the other segments of the gay community. (Isn't there a line somewhere to the effect that when the oppressed take over they are more oppressive than the original oppressors?) When I was bold enough to ask certain members of the committee if they indeed thought they represented the entire gay community, I was called a "pig and an asshole." This may or may not be true, but it certainly didn't answer my question (on the other hand, maybe it did: people tend to strike back when you hit a nerve).

When will people realize that we live in a capitalistic society, and that gay business (unlike GCN) is out to make a profit? What's so unconstitutional about this? On the other side of the coin, the businessmen should realize that they have a certain responsibility to the gay community. If some people feel that it is capitalism that is the cause of gay oppression, and that communism is the answer, may I cordially suggest that s/he file a report next month from Moscow. I feel that the gay world is a microcosm of the het community, and that any massive public appearances of the gay community — such as the parade — should include all strata of the community.

GCN hopes that members of the planning committee will use this space to express their opinions on this issue.

NEW YORK REVELATIONS

By Tony Russo

NEW YORK — *Gay Life*, a new magazine similar in style to *Ms. Magazine* will be hitting the newsstands this fall. The publishers, Visscham Corporation, hope to serve their audience with intelligence, quality, humor and style. Later this month, they will release a dummy of the magazine. It will contain articles by Patricia Nell Warren, Lawrence Bianco (an entertainment editor who, under another name, was editor of a multi-million circulated national magazine) and photographs by Hester (creator of *The Classic Nude*), among other things. According to Managing Editor Hank Bonis, "It will be a political magazine in the sense that it will take a stand on issues. It will encourage people to 'buy gay.' We will have a catalogue of gay-run and owned businesses. People will be able to write to us and ask us questions like 'Is there a gay shoe-store in Portland, Oregon?'"

Bonis and Editor Bob Reinhart hope to have the first issue out by this October. The magazine will be a monthly and will have a national distribution. Said Bonis, "We are starting out big, and we think it will work."

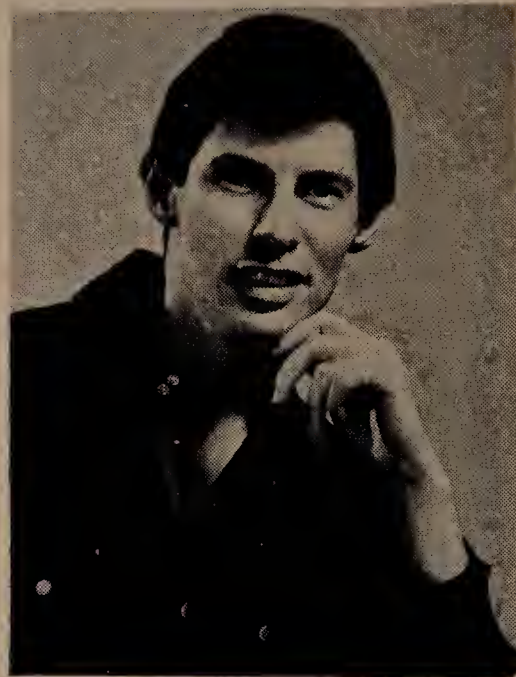
Nick Curto has been actively selling his 45 RPM "New Freedom" record entitled: "Come Out, Come Out." "The record has had a better response than was anticipated," according to Curto. Thus far the record has only been on sale at the Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop and through mail orders. On June 27 the business will be

extending and Curto will be selling the record at a "New Freedom" booth at the Gay Pride Street Fair.

The Conference Committee of the Gay Academic Union is accepting papers for its Thanksgiving Weekend Conference in New York City. The deadlines for abstracts is July 1. The abstracts must be 300 to 500 words in *publishable form*. Those submitting will be notified by late August. To submit, write:

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Unfortunately, in the New York Gay Calendar in last week's column the Gay Pride Week Calendar for "The Glines"



Nick Curto, gay singer

was not reported. Although some of the events will have passed when this issue hits the stands, one should not miss their weekend events. They are:

Saturday and Sunday, June 26 & 27: "Fascination," a gay musical entertainment, directed and choreographed by Quitman Fludd III, written by Michael Bottari, music and lyrics by Quitman Fludd III and Michael Green. 9 p.m., \$4, TDF.

All week through July 4: on exhibit, cartoons by Cheryl Gross; photographs by Lois Mawby: "Retrospectives on the Gay Movement"; photos by Bettye Lane.

"The Glines" is located at 260 West Broadway in Manhattan. For more information, call (212) 925-2619.

Worcester Marches Without Incident (Mostly)

WORCESTER — About 80 to 85 gay people marched from Worcester City Hall to Crystal Park, a distance of 2-2½ miles, to celebrate this city's second annual gay pride march on Sunday, June 19. There were no incidents during the march, which included banners of many organizations, including five from Metropolitan Community Church. One of the MCC banners made reference to the 250,000 homosexuals who died in Nazi concentration camps.

However, at a communion service

held in Crystal Park after the march, a group of teenagers from a local hockey team arrived on the scene, taunting "faggot and queer." According to a report in the *Worcester Telegram*, which put the story on page one with a headline "Teenage Gang Disrupts Homosexuals' Ceremony," "20 teenagers came running over the hill, about half carrying hockey sticks. They knocked down the signs the church members had stood up behind them. The teenagers yelled derisive slogans before the police chased them away. The 40 church members continued singing, 'Alleluia.'"

Bob Johnson, a member of the Board of Directors of MCC/Worcester, told GCN that the newspaper report was "exaggerated." "Nothing drastic happened, there were no threats, it was just the usual taunting which we're used

to," he said.

After the disruption, the service continued, under the leadership of Providence/MCC Minister Rev. Joseph Gilbert and Rev. Frieda Smith, pastor of the Sacramento, California MCC. Rev. Smith also spoke at the Boston Gay Pride Parade the day before.

The 80 to 85 gays who marched were, according to Bob Johnson, "less than last year." "It was quite a colorful parade," he added. However, Kenneth Barr, owner of the popular Worcester gay bar, Ports O'Call, had another perspective. "The most difficult thing some gays ever do is march up Main Street," Barr told the *Worcester Telegram*. "They have to put everything on the line: family, jobs, everything . . . Worcester is an overgrown mill town and everybody knows everybody else's business."

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Carolina Church Invites Dr. Crew to Worship

ORANGEBURG, SC — After being dis-invited from worshipping at his own church in Ft. Valley, Georgia, the eleven members of the Vestry of St. Paul's of Orangeburg, South Carolina, have unanimously invited gay activist Dr. Louie Crew "to re-establish [his] canonical membership at St. Paul's . . . especially if [he is] ever denied admission to, or made to feel unwelcome in, any other Episcopal congregation."

Dr. Crew is the founder of INTEGRITY, the national organization of gay Episcopalians. In March he was advised by his present Vestry, at St. Luke's in Ft. Valley, Georgia: "We would all be pleased if you would find some other place of worship that may be more in sympathy to your thinking and efforts toward gay people."

The South Carolina vestry responded to the vestry in Georgia explicitly: "This request, conveyed to you through a document signed by the members of one Vestry, places upon all Vestries [including ours] the burdensome question as to the nature of our functions. Are we elected to oust from our Churches those whose lives do not conform to what we consider the norm, whose moral integrity [is] nationally debatable, or who deviate from any other arbitrary standards we undertake to establish? Our answer as a Vestry is that we believe and we are confident the Episcopal Church believes, that we are all one under God, called into one holy fellowship in which the claim to membership of any individual increases in direct proportion to his need for grace."

The South Carolina Vestry explicitly avoided judging Dr. Crew for his views on human sexuality: "As Vestry members we accept in varying degrees your views on human sexuality, but nonetheless we admire and respect you for your outright honesty and unbend-

ing convictions."

The gay organizer was a communicant at St. Paul's in Orangeburg in 1971-73, while a professor of English at Claflin College. The Vestry noted: "We recall your years among us with great fondness and still appreciate the commendable contribution you made to our worship as a member of the Choir, to our fellowship as an inspiring participant, and to our community as a brilliant educator."

Dr. Crew responded to the Orangeburg vestry: "You have again strengthened my conviction that the Holy Spirit still finds fit vessels within the institu-

'Town Meeting'

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(NSCAR), the first organization outside of ROAR to use the chambers, asserted, "It's important for all to use the chambers . . . Come back again and fight to have another meeting! . . . Black people and gay people have the same enemies — ROAR and the government," Dixon said. He invited gays to participate in the NSCAR conference in Boston in November.

Ken Dudley, representative of the Third World caucus of the Gay Pride Planning Committee, assailed the "racist gay media," attempts within the Gay Pride Planning Committee to "separate racism and sexism," and attempts to "sabotage the Third World workshops." When no one in the audience asked Dudley and committee member Stephanie Bird to elaborate on these charges during the open discussion which followed the statements, Dudley and Bird left the meeting. Once the two Third World spokespeople had left the meeting, the overwhelmingly white audience attempted to confront the issue of racism within the gay community.

tionalized Church."

Nevertheless, Dr. Crew will remain a communicant at St. Luke's in Georgia.

Dr. Crew told GCN that "This new development is much more encouraging. Too many have tried to explain the Fort Valley initial hostility as 'because you are in the South' or 'because you are in a small town' or 'because you are a white minority member of a predominately black parish' or . . . Interestingly, these facts are the same in Orangeburg. I believe that the real difference remains that some folks treat one another fairly and some don't. White urban America has no

monopoly on either Satan or the Holy Spirit."

Meanwhile, Bishop Bennett Sims, head of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, publicly rebuked Dr. Crew for revealing the church's disclosure of support. Dr. Crew's decision to make the offer public had served, in the Bishop's words, "to disrupt the peace and good order of the church." The Bishop then summoned Dr. Crew to meet with him and the standing committee of the Diocese but Dr. Crew asked for a delay in order to retain legal counsel.



Deputy Mayor Kathy Kane speaks at City Hall forum on gay community issues. Also on the dias are (l-r) Socialist Workers Party candidate for Senator in Massachusetts Carol Henderson Evans, Rep. Elaine Noble, and Rev. Edward Hougen of Boston MCC.

Photo by Neil Miller

In the community discussion period that followed, issues like employment discrimination and police harassment were discussed. At the meeting's end, on a motion from Ken Withers of the

Northeastern University Gay Student's Organization, who chaired the meeting, it was unanimously decided to make another attempt to gain access to the City Council chambers.

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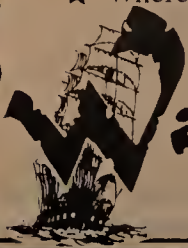
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By Stephen Underhill

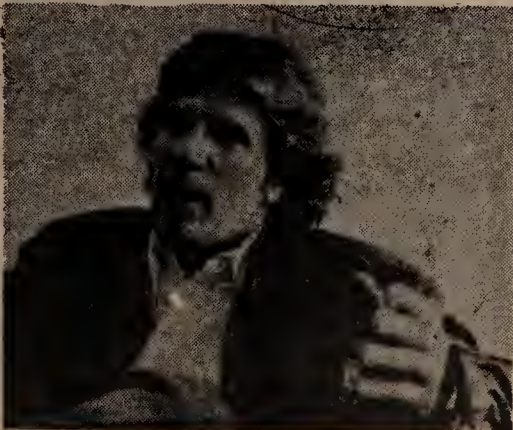
PHILADELPHIA—The "straight" press blackout on stories about gay athletics is starting to lift in this country, but just barely. On the one hand, a lengthy Associated Press (AP) wire story about former pro football player Dave Kopay's May 1 return to his alma mater, the University of Washington, was widely reprinted. On the other, AP dispatches from the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria last February about ice-skating gold medalist John Curry's admission that he is gay were never transmitted, even though the story was splashed all over the front pages of European papers. While Kopay has become something of a media star, the general sports-following public here still knows nothing about Curry — or about Olympic decathlete Tom Waddell, who participated in a panel on recreation and sports at the Gay Academic Union's "Symposium '76" at San Francisco State in April.

Curry, a British citizen but American resident, won his gold medal February 11. At a press conference the next day, reporters questioned him about his "un-masculine" style, and one of them finally said, "Don't you keep getting asked if you're gay?" Curry replied, "I am" — and stuck to that admission, though refusing to disclose any details of his private life, through the furor that followed. He even made the claim to reporters that other male skaters frequently failed because their coaches tried to force them into "masculine"-appearing styles that were unnatural for them. He said that when he was 17 he had been beaten by a coach trying to "root out" his "unmanly" tendencies. (He is now being coached by Carlo Fassi, who also

guided women's gold medalist Dorothy Hamill.)

The revelation of Curry's homosexuality quickly made the rounds of the Olympic Village, and when he appeared for an exhibition three days later he was at first greeted with silence. But when he had finished skating, according to *Toronto Globe and Mail* columnist Christie Blatchford, there were "deafening cheers, demands for two encores, flowers and waves from people who will never meet him." "His had been an act of courage," she commented.

According to *NewsWest*, the LA-based gay newspaper, Curry has since returned to his New York City residence, and is negotiating for appearances with several American ice arena shows.



Dave Kopay, former professional football player

Dave Kopay's return to Seattle was a personal triumph. He joined former teammates and friends playing in the annual alumni-varsity football game, and the next night gave a speech at a banquet sponsored by the Dorian Group, the city's middle-class oriented gay liberation organization. He called the reactions from people at the game "warm and wonderful," attributing

this to football players' "sense of loyalty." "Sure, I felt 'standoffishness' in the locker room, but that feeling may have been in my mind. Nobody came up to me and said 'You're really crazy,'" he remarked.

On May 2 more than 300 listeners — who paid \$10.50 each — heard Kopay describe his life since he publicly announced his homosexuality five months before. "This has really been an exciting time for me," he said. "You know, like a lot of other people, I always thought that if everybody knew I was homosexual it would be the end of the world. Well, what I found out is that it's really the beginning of a whole new world for me. And I love it."

At a press conference the next day, Kopay reiterated that there are other gays in pro football, but declined to name them. "I would never reveal that against their wishes," he said. But he also said, "I've been to bed with professional ball players" and "There are people in positions of leadership on ball teams who are gay." Kopay's pro football career spanned 10 years, beginning with the San Francisco 49ers in 1964 and including stints with the Detroit, Washington, New Orleans, and Green Bay NFL teams. "It baffles many heads that I could play professional football for 10 years," he remarked.

Besides TV and radio talk shows, and presumably his fee from the Dorian Society, Kopay's only employment since his December announcement has been as a laborer, building log cabins at Sun Valley, Idaho. He said at the press conference that he has been living off his savings, but also that he had recently received an advance from a New York publisher for a book.

Tom Waddell hasn't made any headlines, perhaps because he has been neither a pro footballer nor an Olympic gold medalist. However, he did place sixth (in a field of 45) in the grueling decathlon competition at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, and he is an "open" gay, making his living practicing internal medicine. After the Olympics, he told some of his friends in the sports world that he was gay, with varying reactions. "It has made no difference to those who are comfortable with their own sexual identity," he told the *San Francisco Sentinel* (a gay bi-weekly). "But some people still feel homosexuality is 'repulsive,' and when they over-react I think they feel threatened by it."

Waddell scores the myth that athletes — "straight" or gay — must have super-normal sexual prowess. "If I had to judge athletes as sexual people, I would find many of them lacking. Many of them are afraid of sexual situations, period." Nonetheless, he recalls that in Mexico City "there was a terrific effort to make it with other beautiful people who were also very somatotonic," but overt displays of homosexuality were still completely taboo.

Occasionally these days Waddell spends some time jogging with the Lavender U. (a gay-oriented "alternative university") jogging club, which is starting to get together sometimes with non-gay joggers. "The straight joggers," Waddell predicts, "will gradually start to think, 'Gee, that guy is queer, but he doesn't look any different than I do . . . in fact, he looks better.' And people will start to get the message: we're not so different after all."

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South Shore Gays Get Counseling Service

By J. D. Sittler

QUINCY, MA — Eight years ago the first counseling center for gays was established in Seattle. Two years later Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS) was founded in Boston. Since then the number of mental health clinics providing counseling services primarily for gay people has grown to about fifteen throughout the country.

Now there are additional alternatives for gays seeking help with life problems. Augmenting the clinic services over the past two years are a number of highly skilled, gay, counseling professionals who have established private practices or banded together in associations to provide therapy for gay people. Most of these therapists have set up practice in cities with large, vocal gay populations: Boston, New York and San Francisco. However, with the new up-front attitudes about sexuality in our society and the emergence of supportive lifestyles among urban gays has come a new consciousness on the part of these professionals: OUT OF THE CITIES AND INTO THE SUBURBS!

Not long ago in Massachusetts the Quannapowitt Counseling Service was established in Wakefield to serve the counseling needs of North Shore gays. Then, Rural Counseling Associates of Littleton, Mass. was set up for those living west of Boston. Now a new service is available for South Shore gays, Mass Bay Counseling Associates (MCA) of Quincy.

Donald McGaw, pastoral counselor and Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry at

Boston University Medical School, has joined with Terry Kaminsky, a psychiatric social worker, to make MCA available to those living in South Shore communities. McGaw, till September the Executive Director of HCHS, has pointed out that heretofore clients would have to travel long distances at considerable inconvenience to reach one of the in-town agencies like HCHS, Counseling Associates of Boston, or Janus Counseling Associates or to seek out a private therapist specializing in gay counseling. He said HCHS constantly gets enquiries and clients from the South Shore who ask, "Isn't there anything closer?" Now there is.

Though their clients are not all gay, MCA has a definite interest and expertise in dealing with gay problems. As McGaw says, "Gay people have everyday stresses like anyone else. Help should be available. Straights can get help in many places. Gays are not so fortunate." Though, as with every individual, their problems are wide-ranging, McGaw emphasizes that certain difficulties are especially prevalent among suburban gay people, many of whom are married. For suburbanites, the coming-out process often involves living through a period of delayed adolescence long deferred, due to the pervasive social conservatism of suburban communities and the lack of anonymity afforded by city life. McGaw says, "You don't have to go very far out of the city to find the same fear of stigmatization that was right here in the city not long ago." Often associated with this is anxiety about being open on

the job. Most important, McGaw says, suburban gays need assurance that it's OK to come out into a lifestyle that's comfortable for them: OK to be gay. MCA is now on the South Shore to give that assurance.

In the planning stage, McGaw indicated, is a similar service for Rhode Island gays, Narragansett Bay Counsel-

ing Associates (NCA) in Warwick, Rhode Island. It is hoped that NCA will meet the needs for counseling throughout the Rhode Island area.

Mass Bay Counseling Associates can be reached by mail at: P.O. Box 69, North Quincy, MA 02171, and by telephone at their 24-hour number: 472-1331.

GAY MEN'S CENTER NEWS

BOSTON —

As summer rolls around, many changes are occurring at the Gay Men's Center. Committees are changing hands. Many old workshops are closing and new ones are springing up. Recently a Coming Out Rap was started on Wednesday nights, as well as an S&M workshop on Monday nights. The Radical Politics and Gay Liberation study group continues to meet on Thursday evenings.

Drop-in hours are now Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights 7-11, as well as Sunday afternoons from 1 to 6. As always, gay men are welcome to come and drop in for a cup of coffee; put up a sign-up sheet for a new workshop or group. Perhaps a consciousness-raising group or an older gay men's night can materialize — both ideas have been tossed about.

Many people have either come only to dances or dropped in once or twice. Others have only heard of the center and are either too intimidated (some fear they may need to get involved politically)

or have pre-conceived notions as to what actually goes on at the center. The center, while housing different types of groups, is a place for all gay men and the space is there for you to create what you need.

Many people have left for the summer or feel their energies drained by too heavy a commitment. If you want to put energy into the center but do not want to step in over your head, come in and see the place; specific tasks need to be done: a newsletter needs to be put out; 3-hour shifts to be staffed; Programming and Fund Raising need new Chairpersons to replace last term's people, who will still help out but plan to step back a bit; dances, films, folksingers are constant possibilities as events, and July 1's meeting hopes to attract new people. Don't complain: make it happen. It's surprising what a little energy can produce.

The Gay Men's Center can be reached by phone at 338-7967.

New England Parade

Opinion from the Editor

By Rose Flower

The New England Gay Pride Parade is barely over; some of us are still drying our jeans on the line. But the complaints are already pouring into the newspaper. Where was the press coverage? Who picked the speakers? What happened to the crowds? Why didn't the bells ring from the tower of the Meetinghouse this year? Why were the gay bars excluded? Why didn't anyone say anything about gay pride?

For those of you who could not make it to Boston for the parade, nothing noticeably unusual happened. A crowd of gay people met in Copley Square, marched, with banners and high spirits, through the streets of Boston, got a little wet in a downpour and met in the Common for a rally. At the rally, Elaine Noble acted as emcee and introduced two poets, Ken Dudley and Stephanie Byrd. They read exquisite poetry reflective of the gay experience, although some of it was lost because the sound system was not yet set up.

Jill Raymond spoke about the necessity for gays join together to support causes; she felt that it was due to this kind of support that she was free from jail. While she spoke, Ellen Grusse and Terry Turgeon, two other grand jury resisters, held a banner saying "Free Susan Saxe." Then Paul Tellalian spoke of the necessity to "Kill the straight man" in ourselves that kept us from being open and proud about our gayness. GCN cut its birthday cake and there was entertainment by folksingers Donna Price and Petrisse Briel. People dispersed to parties or bars or dinner or home. It was all over by 3 p.m.

But the effects of decisions made by individuals and the Planning Committee will go on forever. Individuals who made the decision not to attend meetings and take part in the planning of the parade will have to live with that decision, just as those who took the time and energy will now have to deal with the effects, both pleasant and unpleasant. Committee members made three landmark decisions. Two were reported in GCN. The first was to have the women's contingent march in front of the parade; the second was to exclude

signs or floats bearing any advertisement for bars or other business concerns. The third was not reported in GCN because GCN was not informed that the committee had originally voted to keep GCN's cake from being cut on the bandstand.

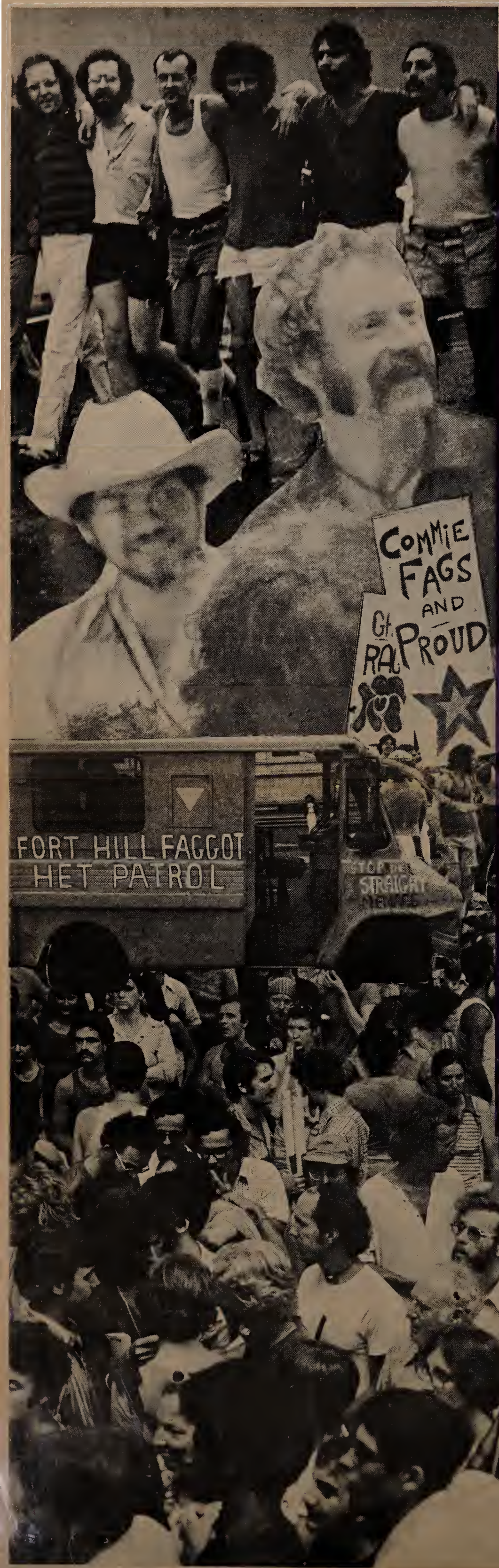
GCN staff members went *en masse* to the committee who then revoted and changed their minds. Probably a contingent of business and bar people could have done the same thing, but they are not organized. Instead, they were hurt by the committee's decision, but found no way to express their feelings. They abided by the decision; they did not march.

The committee felt that they had good reason for making this decision. Apparently, although there is a slightly different story from each person that speaks on the subject, it was felt that the parade was to reflect the gay community mainly as a political force since gays have suffered so many political setbacks this year. The Supreme Court decision, the Democratic Party's failure to adopt a gay rights plank, the Grand Jury jailings, state and city failures to pass gay rights bills are only a few of the setbacks at the hands of the organized political establishment that have hurt gays this year.

Many on the committee apparently felt that the march was no time to reflect our social or business side; we had too many things to do in the area of political struggle. Others apparently felt that the parade was no place for advertisement that asked gays to pay for goods and services when they should be thinking of their oppression or their joy in being gay. This decision was based on the fact that one float last year and one float the year before that advertised bars had appeared. No other gay-operated or gay-welcoming business had ever used the parade space to carry a banner or otherwise spread their name.

One appeared this year, but there was no enforcement of the ruling, and the contingent marched right along with the groups displaying banners for lesbian mothers or the Maine Gays or Fort Hill Faggots.

Therefore, two things are clear. Groups that were excluded could have protested ahead of time and maybe have changed the committee's mind. Groups that were excluded could have



Creates Controversy

shown up anyway since there was no enforcement. Both of these things can only cause future problems.

Committees have a tendency to do each year most of what has been done in the past. Things decided tend to become traditions that everyone will miss. They also give each new group a set of things to do to begin their planning. It is very possible that next year's committee will consider it decided that no business-oriented signs will appear in the parade. But next year people will realize that this was not followed. Once a form of enforcement is set in motion, there can be nothing but trouble. Who will tell whom, when and if they can march; that will become an overriding problem leading to the kinds of splits that New York faces.

Gay businesses are ready to come out. Straight-owned businesses are already realizing the effect of the gay market. It won't take long for them to realize that appearing at the parade is good business technique.

And who will decide what is good business and what isn't? The bars may be seen to be exploitive and straight-owned, but is that true? Some bars are gay-owned and almost all of them employ gays as managers, bartenders, waiters, workers of all kinds. Do these workers have the right to march with pride in the fact that they can be out at work? Must they answer for someone's view of the bar owners?

And what about the gay-owned and operated businesses that are not connected to the social scene — like a gay florist shop or travel agency or magazine? What about straight-owned businesses that want to make an effort to be responsive to the gay community whether they sell booze or underwear?

Is power in the eyes of the lawmakers and the media the only kind we wish to incur, or do we also want shopkeepers, conglomerate tycoons, small service agents, and others who would turn their backs on us except that we represent a market? Remember, that is all we represent to a legislator, too. We make people listen because they have to to retain their jobs, position, power, not because we're so nice.

Each person reading this article will answer the questions according to his or her own personal and political views. The questions are not meant to

represent anyone in particular. Neither is this article meant to be post-parade quarterbacking. Hopefully, this group of questions will remind the next year's committee that decisions made this year could be scrapped or re-thought before they cause more problems. And hopefully, this will spur the groups that felt excluded into organizing so that they may have a voice in all future planning. Wasn't "Unity" the theme of the parade?

Which takes us to the second major decision: the women's contingent leading the parade. GCN has already published the reasons for this decision. The committee was afraid that the media would only take pictures of the more outrageous men (they took pictures of no one anyway), and they wanted gay women to be more visible. Of course, women who preferred to march with their organizations were separated from the majority, made less visible as forces in their groups and may have felt alienated from the lesbian presence at the parade. Viewers could hardly have seen this parade as unified.

In fact, this decision makes leading the parade a position that is now to be coveted as a power position. In the past, there was little or no feelings about who marched where. In the future these decisions may have to be made again and again, and enforced. Here's hoping that future planning committees will work to make jockeying for key positions unnecessary because they will foster belief that there are no key positions.

For many, the parade means neither making a show of power to legislators or presenting an image to the (conspicuously-absent) media; it is the only time that they can join together with a group of gays to express their feelings, in chant and song, that they are happy to be gay. People who have neither the time nor the resources to do any work for gay liberation can come out once a year to support others by showing their strength in numbers. People coming out have a chance to COME OUT chanting, singing and being the gayest self she or he wants to for at least that day. For these reasons the parade will probably take place for many years to come, but as people lose track of these basic reasons, the parade becomes each year a more dangerous political arena.



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PEOPLE, PLACES & FLINGS

GCN will use this column to present information for and about our advertisers and supporters. Reader comments are appreciated.

Larry Dutra and Bruce White, bartenders at the **Gallery** in Providence, RI, stopped into the office last week to right some wrongs. Last spring two teenagers, caught in the process of stealing a car in the parking lot outside the bar, stabbed Larry. Larry is fine now, but he feels that the incident was blown out of proportion and has tended to give the bar a bad name. Both Larry and Bruce want readers to know that the **Gallery** is a friendly, quiet place. Owner Robert Thibault has provided security police for weekend nights, so that the busiest times are the best protected. Larry and Bruce invite all gays to come to the **Gallery** and see for themselves that it is a safe and fun place to meet people. "It's a good mixed bar, and because it is gay-owned, the management is responsive to the needs of the community," Larry said . . . Many apologies to *The Trade Winds* for misprinting their ad Vol. III, No. 51, since they were not offering off-season rates at that time . . . The Burgandies kick off the entertainment season at *Sisters in P'Town*, on July 4 . . . An inexpensive retreat for women has opened in Dennis. Sounds peaceful,

tamer than P'Town. Absolutely no drugs. Children welcome; pets a no-no. Reservations necessary well in advance. For information write **Halek's House**, 163 Corporation Road, Dennis, MA 02638 or call (617) 385-2054 . . . Rural gays who want to use the **Rural Counseling Service** will be glad to know that Linda Hamelin, highly-qualified counselor, is the unidentified woman in the picture that ran with the story GCN Vol. III, No. 50. She is a co-founder of the service . . . **Herbie's Ramrod Room** will re-open. Glad to hear it.

. . . Rumor has it that the controversial "Let My People Come" will be coming to Boston . . . GCN's Editor Neil Miller and Political Correspondent David Brill are busy filling out security forms so that they can go to the Democratic Convention in New York (We *are* everywhere) . . . But not everyone who claims to be a member of GCN is, so remember that ALL AUTHORIZED AD REPRESENTATIVES HAVE A CARD WITH NAME AND PICTURE, SIGNED BY JOSEPH LEO.



Lester Stockman, GCN office manager, dances at GCN's third Birthday Party Benefit at Together. Thanks to all our friends who came out and supported us. Bouquets to Doshie Powers and Sylvia Sydney for the entertainment, and many thanks to the Together people who got up early in the morning to get things ready, especially to manager Gary Dotterman.

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Baths: Have One a Month Whether You Need It or Not

By David Brill

"Nothing is so much to be shunned as sexual relations."

— St. Augustine, in "Soliloquies"

"The grey puritan is a sick man, soul and body sick, so why should we bother about his hallucinations?"

— D.H. Lawrence, "Obscenity and Pornography"

D.H. Lawrence usually had his head together, but was just slightly off in calling puritans grey. Not all of them are. It has often been an observation of mine that there are too many gay move-

there are several "types." The largest group, bath owners readily admit, is the man who cannot and/or will not frequent gay bars. Often these men are married with kids and a dog and a house in Newton. George Ames, bearded manager of the Club Boston, says that if all the gay activists in Boston stopped attending the baths, the dent in business would be less than 10 percent.

Baths are an instant resource for cross-country traveling salesmen, weekend visitors from Aroostook County, and exasperated gay tourists waiting for the snow to lift so their flight



ment activists — grey and otherwise — who would just as soon take the "sex" out of homosexual. Not with my movement, you don't. Sexual release is as necessary for the healthy human condition as proper nutrition, and lack of it can precipitate similar, though usually more subtle, problems.

The gay baths are an institution, a subculture that effectively answers this need. They can be found in every major city in the country, with several in places like New York or San Francisco. *Time* magazine said that the Club Bath Chain, the nation's largest, has in excess of 32,000 members. In actuality, the number of bath-goers is probably triple that. In Boston alone, the local Club outlet has over 5,000 members at any given time, and increases its membership by about 400 a week.

With that many members, bath-goers certainly constitute the single most formidable gay market in the country. Who belongs? Why aren't they visible? Those are important questions, but ones that lead more to further questions than they do to answers.

Boston has two operating baths, both in the downtown area, discreetly doored, and (usually) well-attended. The Regency of Boston is best on Monday evenings, when one dollar is the key to happiness. At the Club Boston in the "Liberty Tree Zone," they pack them in on Thursday nights, when it's half-price for those in leather or denim. Both clubs require membership cards (available for purchase at the door) to enter. (The Club membership is honored at 32 other Club outlets in the United States and Canada.)

Is there an average bath-goer? Well,

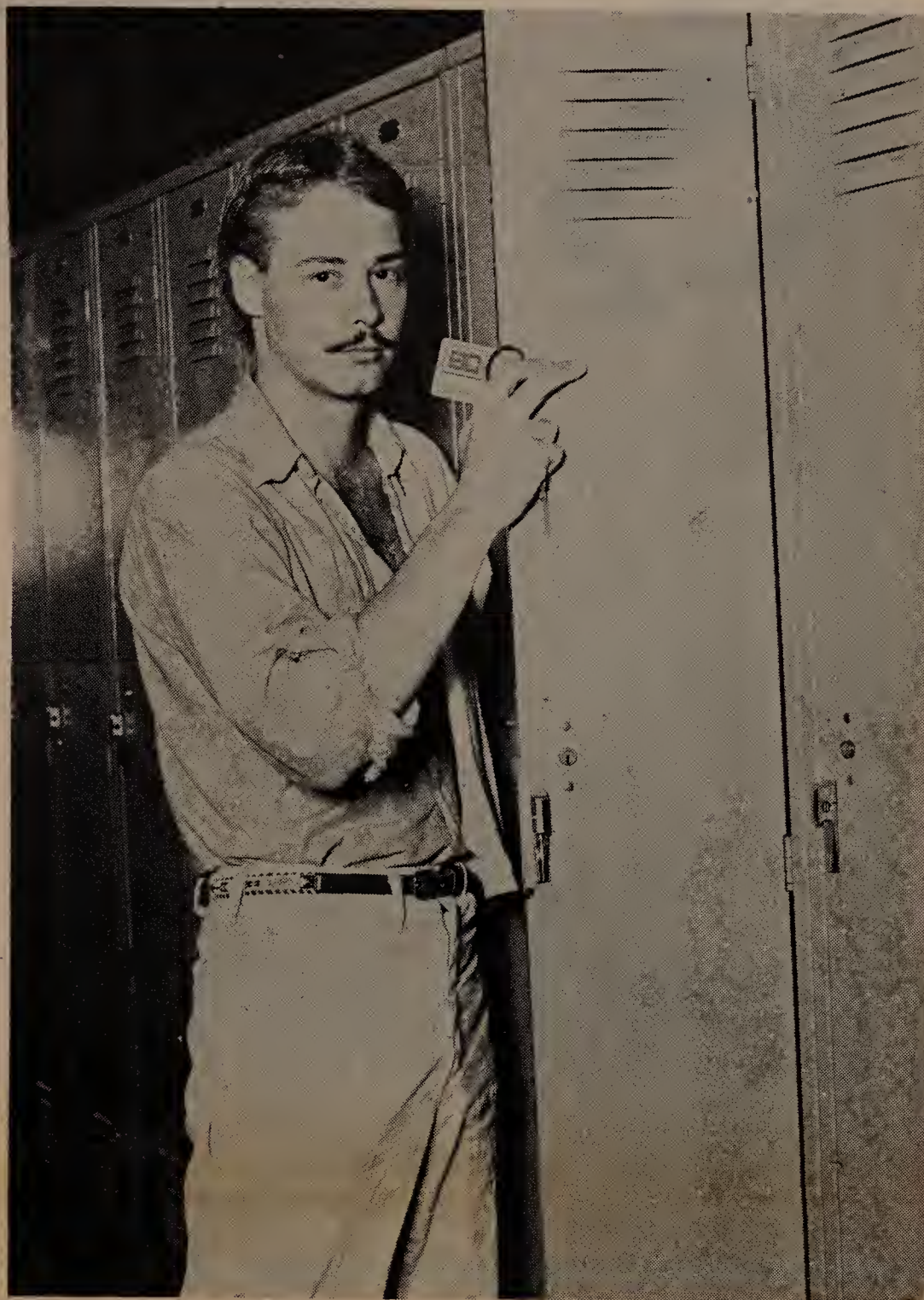
can leave Logan. Age-wise, most baths are considerably more diverse than any bar around.

The baths are also big business, grossing an estimated \$20 million annually, according to a recent study by *The Advocate*. Given the fact that there was no industry as such before the sixties, that is phenomenal growth, any Wall Street observer will agree.

So here we have a contradiction. A multi-million dollar industry serving a largely closeted clientele whose greatest gains have been made as more and more gay people have chosen to leave the closet. Logic would dictate otherwise, i.e., the more visible gay life is, the less need for such citadels of discretion like the baths.

But don't try to mix logic with sex; it doesn't work. The baths have proliferated because they offer their patrons numerous elements that are rarely found all in one place: safety (membership cards effectively exclude "crashers" and usually provide the legal protection from The Law), anonymity (silence is the by-word [?] of the baths, and no one knows your name except the man at the door, and even he knows nothing else about you), cleanliness (this, of course, may vary from bath to bath, but a dirty place will simply not attract people), and comfort (you can watch television if you care to, or just walk around viewing the sights — there is no pressure to do anything if you don't want to).

In New York, the baths were the starting point for the career of Bette Midler, and even today, Gotham baths provide as much artistic pleasure as anatomical titillation. "But don't try to force New



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York morality on Boston," says George Ames. (To be sure, Ames is right.)

One reason why the entire subject of the gay baths received such little attention — even though it boasts so many thousands of patrons — is that the vast majority of those thousands are reluctant to admit that they are bath-goers. This is wrong. It is important for more gay men to realize that sex is nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to cloak under the cop-out-excuse of "tain't nobody's business if I do," and nothing evil. The more political among us may ask, is sex sexist? By definition (using the human

body for what it's worth) I guess it is. But even the most political among us may require plural release, ever so infrequently.

So take a trip to your local gay bath. If in Boston, try the Club Boston on La-Grange Street on a Thursday, or the Regency, off Franklin Street, on Mondays. Carry your card proudly, and look up the local bath the next time you're out of town. I couldn't suggest you'd lose it if you didn't use it. But if you used it, you'd certainly be a little more satisfied.

No Fats, Fems

By Screwed-up, Frustrated, Rejected and Depressed [But Always Realistic]

So you want a story! How about this!

As a gay male I, by some standard devised by someone, am repulsive to look at and be with. So what do I do? Well, I answer ads in newspapers week after week waiting for someone to call and break the silence of loneliness. So what happens when there is no call? Why I go into such depression and despair that suicide is not an unrealistic alternative.

One can say, "Change yourself." But let's face facts. You can buy a wig, starve yourself sick, but you can't change who you are. But dammit, who the hell would accept you for who you are? Absolutely no one.

I am not suggesting that people fall down in admiration, but can't at least

one (only one, mind you) person at least write or call or come to see a movie with someone who does not fit the dream image of the gay male?

You know, the ads in the newspapers don't give much lee-way. "Wanted GWM age 20-25, slim, well-hung, good bod. No fats, fems, drugs, pls!" Talk about feeling excluded. I'm sure someone fits the ad, but not me! And I'm not even rich. I have to *steal* a GCN. So what the hell. Gay liberation is for "pretty" (whatever that means) people. All this bullshit about being equal is pretty hard to see.

You want a story, talk to all the excluded: fats, fems, druggies, etc. Let's hear about the reality of being rejected from the rest of society. See how it is when a person is trapped between two worlds: the gay life she/he wants and the straight society she/he left. *C'est dommage.*



By Mike Markowski

Want to do the Boston Leather and Levi scene? The place to start is Herbie's Ramrod Room, upstairs at 12 Carver (12 Carver St., Boston). It has its own popular Eagle Room. They are the home bars of bike clubs Entre Nous, Viking M.C., A.S.M.C., tridents, Vulcans, Boston Brahmins and the Boston home of the New Bedford Voyagers. It's worth a walk to Herbie's just to see the many trophies and club banners on display. Most of them belong to Entre Nous who have a large trophy case for their many awards.

The two bars are active and friendly with special bar prices on Wednesdays — Ramrod Night — from 8 p.m. to midnight. There's a really big crowd. And, not to be outdone, the Viking M.C. has established Thursday nights as their own night at the Ramrod with various club members doing duties as bartenders and waiters. To thank their patrons, the V.M.C. are doing something unusual, a drawing for a Honda 360T.

Rap-Up

What's unusual about that? The chances are given free with every drink that a customer buys (and special bar prices are in effect from 8 p.m. until midnight!). The lucky finalists, 25 in all, will have their chance on June 24 to win the motorcycle which is presently on display at Herbie's.

A short drive brings one to the long-established Shed bar with its famous back room and equally-famous travelling ambassador/bartender Dick (272 Huntington Ave., Boston). With the handsome Kelly there also, the bar does very well, so well that rumor has it that the downstairs is now being renovated and will soon be converted into a second bar with a game room.

On the way back downtown make a pit stop at the 1270's downstairs bar, the Boiler Room (1270 Boylston Ave., Boston). The bartenders John and Bob are very friendly. Joe K., manager of the 1270, is also Captain of Entre Nous and many of the club's functions are held there, including a monthly flea market where *everything* is put up for sale. Wear your gear:

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ASMC First Anniversary

Abundance and intimacy were the keynotes of the weekend that celebrated the A.S.M.C. first anniversary.

There was abundance in the lavish buffet put out at 12 Carver Friday night (special prices on drinks, too), and many intimate moments at the Eagle Room and Herbie's Ramrod. And there was a great after hours party held at the

Regency Baths where even a bomb scare couldn't dispel the festive atmosphere.

On Saturday it was abundance again on a grand scale, starting at the 1270's Boiler Room with a huge brunch and then never-ending cocktails supplied by the Viking M.C. A bus arrived at 3 p.m. to take guests to the Randolph Country Club for an afternoon of sunbathing, swimming in the Olympic-size swimming pool and a talent show, highlighted by the antics and acts of George M., Nancy I., Jay F., etc.

Another cocktail party at six and then a barbecued steak dinner with steaks so big, they would have put a restaurant out of business. The Voyager M.C. provided bottles and bottles of wine which helped put everyone in a relaxed mood for the show, a well-done parody of "My Fair Lady." Then we boarded the bus back to Boston and 12 Carver. For those who could make it another after hours party was held at the Regency.

Sunday found everyone back at the 1270 for brunch and awards. The A.S.M.C. banner was presented to Entre Nous and the Viking M.C. Entre Nous also won first place participation and the coveted Brotherhood trophy. The Tridents fared well and won second place participation; various members received plaques for all the assistance given to help make the show and the entire weekend a success.

I stated abundance and intimacy were the words to use for the weekend. If ever abundant brotherhood and intimate friends were needed, it was then. The passing of the A.S.M.C. co-captain Bill

L. at the age of 37 left a void hard to fill. Bill worked very hard on all aspects of the weekend to insure its success. He always practiced what some only preach — brotherhood. His death June 6 only strengthened the club's resolve to do as he would have wished. With the abundance of support shown by the Boston bike clubs, they honored Bill's memory in the best possible way, in the true spirit of intimate brotherhood.

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A.S.M.C.'s show "My Fair A.S.M.C.," is the takeoff on "My Fair Lady" that A.S.M.C. put together for their first anniversary weekend. The show, under the astute direction of John M. with musical accompaniment by Jay F., is a joy to watch and to listen to. Clever dialogue and visual gags combined with some familiar songs rewritten to suit the Leather/Levi audience make it one hell of a show. It was evident that all cast members had put in many months of rehearsal time. Special mention must be made of the excellent performances of Dick S. as Higgins, Ed W. with his tremendous singing voice as Ditsy, Gary B. who delivers some of the funniest one-liners as a Greyhound patron, Bob J. as a super-funny flasher one would hope *not* to see, and Nancy I. as Fierce who does a show-stopping "I Should Have Danced All Night." If you missed the first two performances, don't despair. Return engagements are planned for Randolph Country Club and DiRocco's. Dates and times will be announced in future columns. Plan on seeing it; it has something for everyone.

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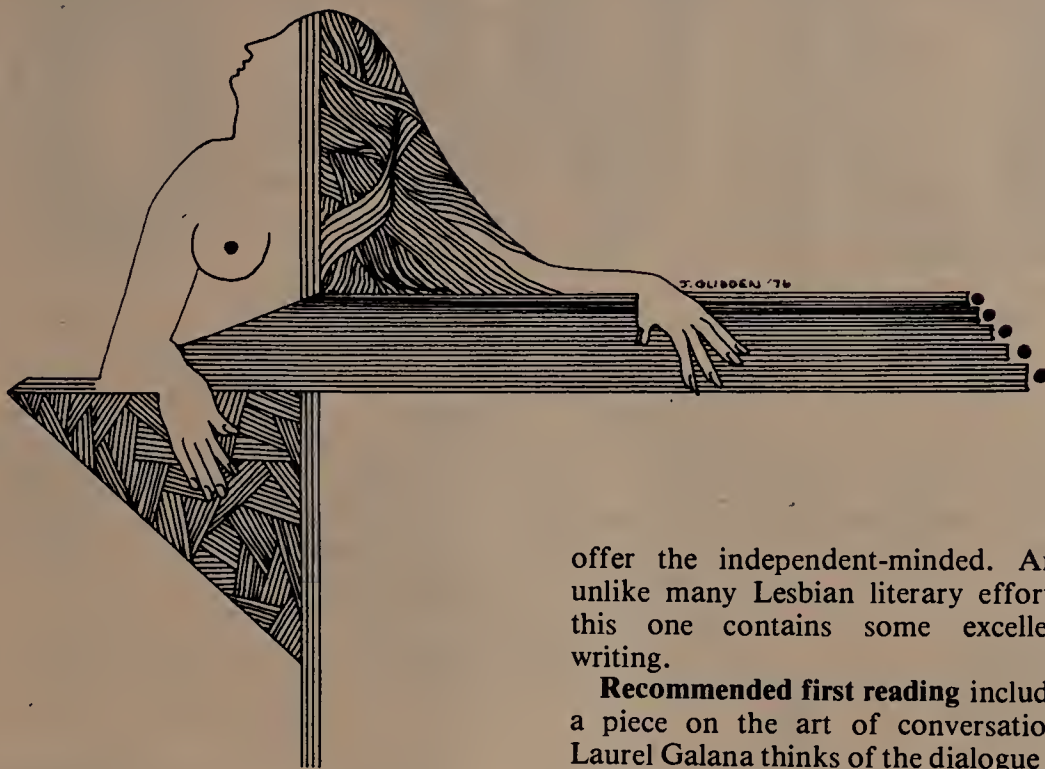
Lesbian Reader: worth its shelf space

The Lesbian Reader, edited by Laurel Galana and Gina Covina; Amazon Press, Oakland, CA; 1975. \$4.50.

A Review by La Fille Doree

One might surmise from the breadth and depths explored to *The Lesbian Reader* that the Third Wave has risen. The person who has neither the time nor patience to read through quarterly, monthly, or weekly journals will appreciate this collection from which most of the extraneous has been omitted. Extraneous refers to the seemingly pointless, rambling, personal, non-universal copy that often finds its way into an anthology. Maybe someone was somebody's lover? Anyway the poor writing is minimal, brief, easy to skip over.

You are left with perhaps 200 pages worth of interesting, informative material. Provocative, *The Lesbian Reader* is an example of progressive Lesbian literature; i.e. it has gone beyond the primer stage, and has something to



offer the independent-minded. And unlike many Lesbian literary efforts, this one contains some excellent writing.

Recommended first reading includes a piece on the art of conversation. Laurel Galana thinks of the dialogue as a kinetic art form which must evolve while in progress. She believes that one can recognize fruitless conversation by

certain clues. For example, if each participant relates an old story to prove some "truth," she is not learning from the present conversation; she's sticking to truths *passe*. Non-learning, non-growing conversations bore Laurel. She's thought about them enough to arrive at some fascinating conclusions. In order of revelation, she says (as a self-identified working-class woman) that in California the women's groups have been battling the communication problems between middle- and working-class Lesbians. In an effort to "relate" to those whose verbal skills have not been developed, the quality of copy in the women's press has been so debased that the articulate person no longer understands exactly what's being said. The writer also speaks to the subject of slang or codified jargon such as: "dig it, heavy, really." She says, and rightly, it would seem, that when speaking to a woman who expresses herself in jargonistic terms,

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LOSING ONE'S HEAD

In the absence of role models provided for other adolescents by Hollywood or other contemporary media, the young gay person may gradually assemble his/her own list of "famous gays" and find reassurance in the notion that one can be gay and "important" too. There are problems with this approach to history and identity, but if one is willing to risk finding out that in some cases these reputed gays weren't, and in others that they were behind the door when brains were being handed out, I guess the exercise has its value.

I am more intrigued by the fact that historical biographers are beginning to deal more openly with their subject's sexuality and its individual and social consequences. Such an approach provides us with the chance to go beyond mere name-dropping to learn more of the dynamics of gay and human relationships in contexts other than those available to our diverse but time-bound selves. As Philippe Erlanger's *The King's Minion: Richelieu, Louis XIII, and the Affair of Cinq-Mars* (1972) illustrates, that can be an instructive if chastening experience.

Louis XIII was a harsh, uptight, ailing, guilt-ridden monarch who had married to perpetuate the line and ceased even his minimum marital duties after his Queen had finally produced two live-born sons, the future Louis XIV and his brother "Monsieur," (who has been called "France's most notorious seventeenth-century swish"). The eighteen-year-old Henri d'Effiat,

Marquis de Cinq-Mars, was maneuvered into the post of Grand Master of the Wardrobe by the crafty Cardinal Richelieu, who had discovered the thirty-seven year old King's dominant sexual preference even though Louis himself had never acted upon it and would not "come out" for another year. Cinq-Mars was an amoral, vain, flamingly heterosexual Adonis who was perfectly willing to bed the King at Richelieu's behest in order to gain honors and influence at Court. His sexual energy was such that often, after Louis had dropped off to sleep, Henri would gallop from St. Germain to Paris and spend the night with one of his mistresses, returning in time to be present when the King rose and dressed.

Erlanger traces four years of an often stormy and demeaning relationship, during which Cinq-Mars (a rather stupid youth, withal) took his status as the King's favorite a bit too seriously. He broke with his sponsor the Cardinal, and even dreamed of replacing him as the King's chief advisor in matters of state. Henri also joined a conspiracy headed by the King's brother, Gaston D'Orleans (who also shows up on lists of "famous gays") to overthrow Richelieu, restore the power of the nobility vis à vis the King, and make a secret peace treaty with France's enemy Spain.

The outcome was a treason trial set up by Richelieu; the King, as ever stoic and masochistic, refused to intervene. Just as the King had lost his head to Cinq-Mars' tender mercies in 1639, so Cinq-Mars

lost his head to the King's justice in 1642. The encounter was equally fatal for all three parties: the ailing Cardinal spat blood and died less than two months after Cinq-Mars was beheaded, and the King's depression and grief over his betrayal weakened his resistance to chronic tuberculosis and he expired eight months after his former favorite.

Erlanger sums up Henri as "a typical adolescent of his class who shared the aspirations of his kind to excel in battle and to conquer beautiful women," who was "made a bait and lured into a trap which also caught the King and the Cardinal." A fair statement, but it also needs to be said that he entered the trap willingly, deliberately inducing a highly volatile gay relationship with complete disregard for the older partner's feelings and emotional state.

Yet it takes two to tango, and on his part the King was a smothering, uncommunicating, jealous lover, retaining fundamental feelings of guilt and self-hatred even after he had publicly acted on his homosexual inclinations. Louis XIII was victimized, to be sure, and the whole country took the consequences. But he also set himself up for one classic model of intergenerational gay relationship, the emotionally and financially exploitative kind which today might be indicated in those classified ads beginning "Young GWM seeks well-established older male for financial support in return for services..."

Of course the problem of transgenerational gay relationships is hardly

an abstract one for me, and therefore the increasing number of biographies and autobiographies which recount such relationships are of more than passing interest (or "relevance," as they used to say in the 'sixties). A. Younger and I differ in age, education, social class, ethnic background, economic status, religious and political persuasion, and a few other things I've forgotten at the moment. By all "objective" criteria it shouldn't work, yet after a year and a half it increasingly does. Why?

If I really knew, of course, I'd patent the formula. In part it's because A. Younger is a sunny, lovable person (except when he isn't) and because I am a calm, easy-going, reasonable being (except when I'm not into being calm, easy-going, or reasonable). Seriously, though, I think it's because we have generally succeeded in developing a non-exploitative, mutually supportive, open and understanding relationship, in contrast to the recipe for disaster which existed between Louis XIII and Cinq-Mars.

I'm increasingly convinced, even in these days of monolithic bureaucracies and major economic and social upheaval, that at the individual scale we choose our own fates. A pair of neurotics (gay or straight) who are a sociologist's dream dyad from the standpoint of matched age, class etc. will proceed to create a joint neurosis because in some perverse way it "feels good."

Contrariwise, cries of "father image" or whatever notwithstanding, gay individuals of the most diverse pairings can and do create new and worthwhile lives together under the most improbable circumstances. It's all in the head; the important thing is that, unlike Cinq-Mars, we avoid bringing about situations where the head and the body end up flying off in two different directions.

One final "relevant" item, for the adventurous. According to the gossipy Tallemant des Reaux, an acquaintance entered Cinq-Mars' bedchamber one evening to discover him "being rubbed from head to foot with oil of jasmine. He got into bed..." A second later there was a knock on the door. It was the King. It would seem he was oiling himself for combat." (Note: Must check local apothecary re ability to supply oil of jasmine!)

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she knows instantly that she's not really speaking to a person; that she's speaking to a role. To her this is another waste of valuable conversation time. The piece ends with a surprise — Laue's belief that good conversation makes for good friends, which in turn paves the way for good loving. GOOD IDEA!

The following is excerpted from an avant-garde piece by Ouija (board): "The Universe in You: Suggestions for Sexual Syncopation." The editors of this Amazon Quarterly anthology "ask the ouiija to dictate a message on the interconnection of sexuality and spirituality." The messages come through

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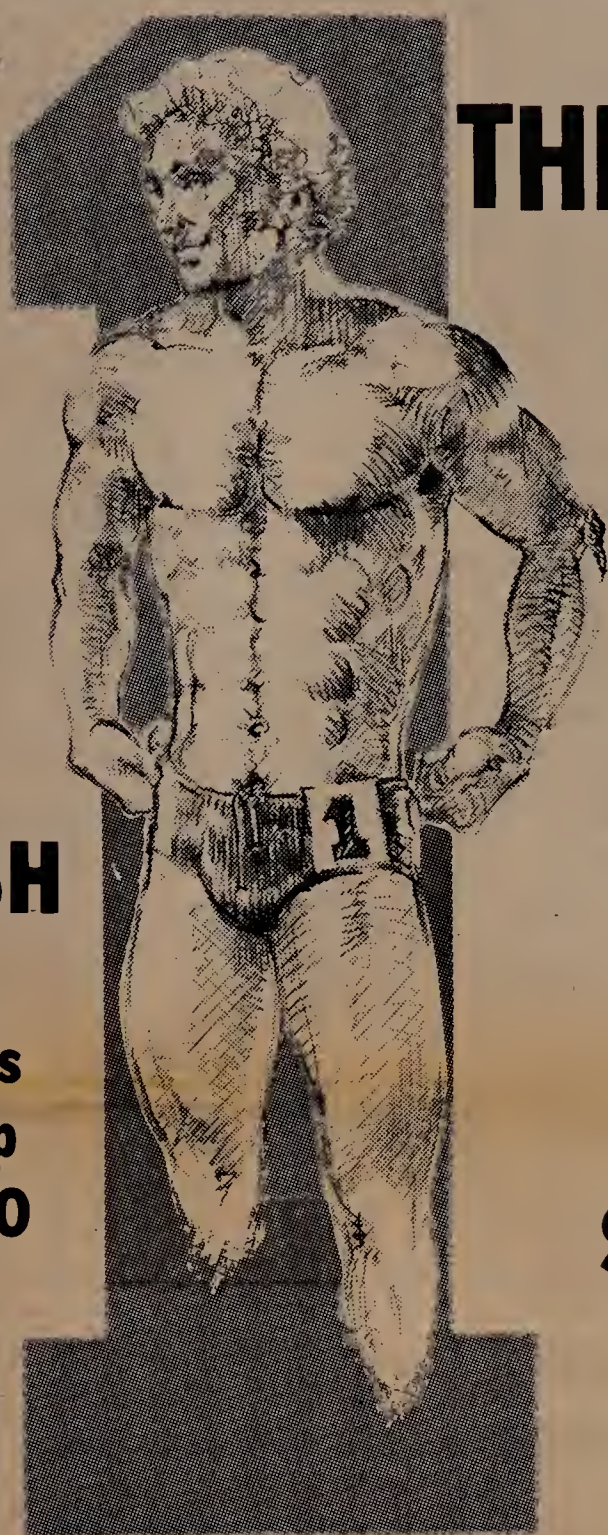
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6:30-10—Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U, Worcester
7-10 pm—UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438
7 pm—Parents of Gays, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston, (617) 542-6075
10-11 a.m.—Drinking Problem discussion group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston (617) 542-6075
6:30pm — GRAC swimming, Cambridge High & Latin. For info call 289-7678.
7 pm — Rap group, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.
7 pm—Gay Women's Rap Group, at Another Way, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Ma. 756-0730
7-9 pm—Gay Switchboard, Vermont U, 802-656-4173
7:30-9:30 pm—Drop-in Center for women, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford
7:30 pm—UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center
7:30-9:30 pm—TGC Drop-In Center for Women, room L-23 Curtis Hall, Tufts
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.
8:00 pm—Lesbian rap and action group, Cambridge Women's Center basement; (617) 354-8807.
8 pm—GPC business meeting, Columbia U, Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
8-9 pm—"None of the Above," WWUH-FM (91.3) Hartford, Conn. (203-728-0653)
8 pm—GRAC candlepin bowling, 1260 Lanes, 1260 Boylston St.
8:30 pm—Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2646.
8:30 pm—Alcoholics Together, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence
9 pm—Gay discussion group, Columbia U, Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

TUESDAYS

1 pm — MCC Campus Ministry, RIC Student U., rm. 312, Providence, RI.
6:30-10—Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U, Worcester
7 pm — GRAC basketball, YMCU, 48 Boylston St., Boston
7 pm — Pot luck supper at Resurrection House, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI.
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.

8 pm—Rap Group for gay men, 36 Bromfield St., Boston.
8 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield.
8:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR, 90.9 FM.
8 pm—Rap Group for gay men, CSMH, 70 Charles St., Boston
8-9:30 pm—TGC Drop-In Center for Men, room L-23 Curtis Hall, Tufts
8:30 pm—Gay Alliance at Yale, rap session, Bingham Hall, Rm. B-8, 436-8945
9:30 pm—Tufts Gay Community meeting, Laminan Lounge, East Hall, Tufts
9:30 pm—TGC meeting, Laminan Lounge, East Hall, Tufts, Medford
8:30 pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Prov., RI, 231-5853.

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WEDNESDAYS

11 am—Gay discussion group at Drop-In Center of Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA; open to everyone.
12-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-in Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.
6:30-0 pm—Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573.
6-10 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.
6:30-10—Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U, Worcester
7:00—Men's Rap Group, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Mass. Call 756-0730.
7-9 pm—Gay Switchboard, Vermont U, 802-656-4173
7 pm — Religious Dialogue at MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.
7:00 pm—Liberation Rap Group (617) 756-0730.
7 pm—Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701
7:30 pm — MCC Merrimack Valley rap/discussion group, Box 750, Haverhill, MA 01830 374-6905.
8 pm—Alcoholics Together, St. Johns Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston
8:30-10 pm—Drop-In Center for men, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford
9-12—Gay Social, Columbia U, Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).

THURSDAYS

3:30 pm—UMass Amherst, Gay Male Rap Group, Cottage B, near Worcester Dining Common
6:30pm — GRAC swimming, Cambridge High & Latin. For info call 289-7678
7 pm—Alcoholics Together, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Ma. 756-0730
7 pm—Gay drop-in coffeehouse at Scarborough Fair room of the College Union, Salem College, Salem, MA.
7-10 pm—UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438
7 pm—Yale Lesbian Caucus, Bingham Hall, Rm B-8, 436-8945
7:00 pm—Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester.
7:30 pm—Peoples Gay Alliance, UMass Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center
7:30pm -- GRAC modern dance. Info call 289-7678
8 pm—Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.
8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford, CT, 568-2656.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Mothers group; 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA (617) 354-8807.
8 pm—HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420
8:15 pm—Drinking problems rap group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston
8:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus, UMass Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center
8:30 pm—Gay Alliance at Yale, general meeting, Dwight Hall Library, 436-8945
8:30 pm—New Haven Gay Alliance, Dwight Hall Library, Old Campus at Yale.
8:30 — Gay Women Alcoholics, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., rm. 842, Boston.
9 pm—Emerson Homophile Society, Rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston.
9:30-10:30 pm—Drop-in Center for men, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford

FRIDAYS

7:30 pm—Rap group for men & women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, Me.
7:00 pm—Alcoholics Together, Worcester, 756-0730, 754-7817.
8:00 pm—"Somewhere Coffeehouse," MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford.
8:00 pm—Health Clinic, Burbank Hospital Fitchburg, MA.
8-12 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.
9 pm—Coffee House, 64 Chandler St., Worcester.

9 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Gay Jewish services, doors open 8:30, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, 265-6409.

SATURDAYS

1:00pm — GRAC soccer, Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston. For info call 289-7678
3-10 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.
18:00 pm—East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.
18:00 pm—MCC/Hartford Drop-in Center, 11 Amity, St.
10 pm-3 am—Worcester Hotline, 791-6562

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—"Closet Space." WCAS 740 AM.
1 pm — MCC Church School, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.
2-6 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.
2:30 pm "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
4 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
4-6 pm—Gay Women's Group of Providence Rap. (401) 831-5184.
5 pm — MCC Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St., 523-7664
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clements Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.
6-9 pm — Telegraph Beacon Star — Gay Perspective, WTBS-FM 88.1.
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.
7 pm — MCC worship services, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.
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7:00 pm—Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, CT.
7:30 pm—MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford CT.
7:30 pm — "Come Out Tonight," radio WYBC-FM, 94.3, New Haven, CT.
8 pm — Cape Cod Women's Liberation Discussion, P-town Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St., Provincetown, MA.
8-11 pm — GRAC games at GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston
10-12 — Cambridge Homintern socializing, Blue Parrot, 123 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge.

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28 mon

Boston — Gay Speakers Bureau regrouping session, 8pm, GCN offices, 22 Bromfield St., Info call Dave Peterson at 426-8752.

29 tues

Boston — Every Tue. and Thurs. GRAC sponsors free swimming at the Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., off Cambridge St. near Old West Church at 6:45; men and women invited.

Poughkeepsie, NY — Carolyn Pope of Lesbian Feminist Liberation will speak at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carol St., 8pm.

30 wed

Boston — Coming Out Rap for gay men will continue at the Gay Men's Center, 8PM, 36 Bromfield St., rm. 310.

Boston — Equal Rights Amendment weekly planning meetings are held every Wed., 7:30pm, Northeastern U. Women's Center, 5 Ell Center, Huntington Ave.; Info call 437-4130.

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Boston — Opening of Elaine Noble's headquarters, 475 Comm. Ave., 7-10pm; 2nd floor; free refreshment and entertainment.

Cambridge — Cambridge Gay Political Caucus meeting, 7:30pm. Candidates and issues for local and state elections will be discussed. Call 492-3433 for location.

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4 sun

Provincetown, MA — Cape Cod Women's Liberation holds weekly feminist discussions, 8-10pm, P-town Drop-in Center, 6 Gosnold St.

Providence, RI — MCC Independence Day Celebration, 63 Chapin Ave., 7pm.

Provincetown, MA — Anyone interested in marching in the July 4th Parade with the ERA "Suffragettes" contact Nancy at 487-3376.

6 tue

NYC — West Side Discussion Group, 399 9th Ave. at 14th St. holds meetings at 8:30pm; \$2 donation asked; forum followed by free refreshments. Today "Topics from the Floor."

7 wed

NYC — West Side Discussion Group, 399 9th Ave. at 14th St. holds meetings at 8pm for women only. \$2 donation asked "Money: who pays? Put your money where your mouth is."

8 thur

Cambridge, MA — John Money, PhD Prof. of Medical Psychology will speak at Central Sq. branch of Cambridge Public Library, 45 Pearl St., 11am-1pm (bring your lunch). Topic is "Erotic Imagery, stigmatized and otherwise — with special reference to adolescents. If you wish to reserve a seat call Terry Owens, 492-0518.

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